ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

DIGHTON

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DIGHTON, MASS.

Year Ending December 31, 1970

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee room.

The Planning Board regularly meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. and Special Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

Telephone Numbers:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 669-3131
AMBULANCE: 669-3131
POLICE DEPARTMENT:669-5300
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE: 669-2731
WELFARE DEPARTMENT: 669-5557 and 823-2571
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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Francis J. Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-7628	1971
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1973
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1972
Board of Health			
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1972
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1971
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1973
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1971
Moderator			
Ralph Deane	No. Dighton	823-1234	1971
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-6177	1973
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	669-5943	1972
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1971
Tree Warden			
Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1971

School Committee

Charles E. McKenna, Chairman	Dighton	669-5461	1972
Wallace Wood, Fin. Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5515	1971
Loiuse Staples, Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5549	1972
Wilfred Rhines	Dighton	669-2461	1971
Kenneth Cummings	No. Dighton	669-5631	1971
Nicholas T. Santore	No. Dighton	669-5078	1973
Maynard F. Horton	No. Dighton	824-5605	1973

Planning Board

C. Douglass Garnett, Chairman	No. Dighton	669-5773	1972
Richard Engler, Vice Ch.	No. Dighton	822-9064	1975
George A. Perry, Clerk	No. Dighton	669-5600	1973
Clive Perrin	No. Dighton	669-5134	1974
Richard K. Martin	No. Dighton	824-7739	1971

Trustees of Public Library

Lois E. Siegle	No. Dighton	669-5108	1973
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1971
Robert M. McGuirk	No. Dighton	822-6294	1972

Playground Commssioners

Sylvester Vilela (Resigned 6/10/70)			
Wilfred Rhines, Chairman	Dighton	669-2461	1971
Alfred Pacheco, Jr. Appointed 4/22/70)	Dighton	252-6250	1971
Barbara L. Heywood, Sec. (Appointed 6/24/70)	No. Dighton	822-7089	1971

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee

David L. Phillips	No. Dighton	822-4458	1971
William G. Toll	Dighton	252-3538	1973

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee

John T. Lane	No. Dighton	824-4198	1971

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Finance Committee

Edward McGillivray, Chairman
Richard V. Munsell, Vice Chairman
Harry Collier, Secretary
George Simmons
Robert H. Bradshaw
Malcolm Borden
Lawrence Dutra

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk
Anna C. Simmons
Eliot Hathaway
Gene Perry, Jr.

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson, Chairman
William Duarte (Resigned 10/6/70)
Joseph Lawrence
Robert Russell (Appointed 10/14/70)

Associate Members

Robert Russell
Allen R. Baldwin
Francis O'Connor

Industrial Commission

Frank R. Rogers
Louis Mendoza
Jean Pelletier
Edward Olney
Joseph Coelho

Heritage Committee

Helen H. Lane, Town Historian, Chairman
Helen Brown, Secretary
Elaine Varley
Charles Harris

Cemetery Commission

Earl Hathaway
Helen Brown
Elaine Varley

School Planning & Building Committee

George W. Ball, Chairman (Appointed 4/13/70)
Clifford A. Wood, Clerk
Richard E. Schultz (Resigned 9/20/70)
Joseph Lawrence
Mrs. Randall W. Hopkins
Mrs. R. Warren Perry

Bilding Code Committee

Richard Simmons
Joseph Lawrence
Philip Lagace

Planning and Advisory Committee

Edward Linhares, Richard Munsell, Alfred Perry, Charles McKenna, Randall Hopkins, Joseph Coelho, Charles Harris, Sylvester Vilela, William Mendoza, Robert Bradsaw, Mgr. Bernard Fentin, Louise C. McCombs, Emily Sanson, Carol Russell, Caesar Araujo Kenneth Cummings.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 1970 - 1971

Fence Viewers: Howell S. Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo T. Pivirotto.

Civil Defense Director: Henry L. Bennett.

Agents to the Board of Health: Frank R. Rogers Charles H. Mason, Leo A. Duffy.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger.

Inspector of Slaughtering: John A. Berger.

Constable—Somerset Water Dept.: John Charles Nordeste III.

Clerk to Board of Selectmen & Health: Leah B. Crosby.

Veterans Agent: Ralph Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom.

Superintendent of Streets: Alfred M. Perry.

Acting Local Supt.—Insect Pest Control: Rudolph C. Christenson.

Dighton-Berkley Bridge Tender: Edward McCrohan.

Town Forest Committee: Henry Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, William Harrison, Charles Leonard, Randall Hopkins.

Dog Officer: Charles H. Mason.

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy.

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Special Police Officer Officer—B.C.A.S.: Rene Ouellette.

Special Police Officer—Dighton Ind.: George R. Nickerson, David Perry.

Public Weigers—Dighton Ind.: Arthur Gove, Alfonse Sollitto.

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Charles H. Mason.

Electrical Inspector: Robert D. Bleu.

Conservation Commission: Randall Hopkins, Henry Burt, William Sandager, Gene Perry, Jr., Manuel Duatre, Jr.

Town Accountant: Daniel L. Skelly (11/9/70).

Chief of Police: Charles H. Mason.

Sergeants: Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Antone Katon.

Patrolmen: Manuel Sanson, Jon Bettencourt.

Reserve Police Officers: Frank Alves, Anthony Andrews, Richard Babbitt, Manuel Botelho, John Cambra, Charles H. Mason, Jr., John Perry, William Raposa, John Rasmussen.

Special Police Officers: Raymond Andrews, William Ashcroft, Charles Brooks, Joseph Coelho, Arthur Compos, Joseph Cordeiro, Norman Courcy, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Robert L. Duarte, William Duarte, Tobias Freitas, Charles Gracia, George Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Byron Haskins, Paul R. Joly, George Perry, Joseph Perry, Edward A. Pierce, Jr., William A. Rasmussen, Jr., Donald Rose, Francis Rose, George Rubadou, Donald St. Pierre, Benjamin Sherman, Frank Virdinlia.

Policewoman: Gennetta Mason.

Fire Department Chief: Joseph T. White.

Deputy Chief (No. Station): Benjamin Sherman.

Deputy Chief (So. Station): Arnold Staples.

Firemen: William Ashcroft, Herbert Atwood, Manuel Botelho, Edward Bettencourt, Jon Bettencourt, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, Jr., Everett Carr, Sr., Howell S. Carr, Jr., Frank Cash, Joseph Coelho, Timothy Costa, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Michael Cusick, Ralph M. Deane, Jr., Edward Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, Guy Fleck, Gerald Fleming, William Fleming, Jr., William Fleming, Sr., Charles Gilbert, Sr., Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Maynard Horton, Jr., Maynard Horton, St., Antone Katon, John Katon, George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Charles H. Mason, Jr., Lester McNulty, A. David O'Connell, William O'Connell, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, Hannibal J. Perry, Joseph Perry, Jr., Roger Perry, Warren Perry, Walter Plonka, Edward J. Reposa, Albert Reed, James M. Redfern, Charles S. Richardson, Philip H. Rines, Jr., Richard Rivet, Clinton Rose, Francis Rose, Gilbert Rose, Jr., Charles Sears, Jr., Robert B. Sherman, Robert F. Sherman, Jr., Thomas Sherman, Alvin Silvia, Edward Silvia, George Simmons, Percy Simmons, Alfred F. Sousa, Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Ellis Strange, Richard Sylvia, Joseph Waller, Jr., Ralph A. Woodward, Ronald E. Amarello, James R. Motta, Joseph R. Gailes, Maurice Jutras.

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and Mr. Torres was chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Christenson, Chairman of the Board of Health; Mr. Linhares, Clerk of the Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

Fifty-one weekly and thirty (30) or more special meetings were held with ten (10) absentees on sick leave or vacation. Several joint meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level where and when convenient, in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better the Town. Hearings were attended on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works Project in behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors and are contained in the Clerk's Annual Report. Annual Reports of the numerous Town officers and Departments as required by law are contained in the 1970 Town Officers Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

The Planning Board and the Citizens' Advisory Group held many meetings and spent many hours with Charles Downes Associates in reviewing and helping to prepare a Master Plan for the Town. The plan was approved by the State and at this time is being readied to present at the Annual Town Meeting.

The sewerage study, being prepared by Faye, Spofford and Thorndike, has been delayed because of the complexity of the problems involved. The Board has thoroughly investigated the possibility of a regional arrangement with the City of Taunton. The advantages of constructing two plants, one to serve the North end of Town and the other for the South end, have been weighed against the advantage of constructing one plant to serve the entire Town. The effect of indstrial waste is being investigated as to the merits of accepting this waste into the Town's disposal facilities. A preliminary plan was prepared and submitted to State Division of Water Pollution Control in July. Late in November the Board received word that the plan had received preliminary approval by both State and Federal agencies. It now remains for the engineers of Faye, Spofford, and Thorndike to complete the study and present it to the Board.

The Selectmen have decided to delay the start of the third phase of Williams Street until such time as there are sufficient funds to cmplete the project in one step. The land-taking in this phase will be quite extensive and could be quite expensive. The final lay-out has been completed and we are now ready to hold the final public hearing on this project.

After many years of effort by both local and State officials, it appears that a new Dighton-Berkley Bridge will soon be a reality. The proposed project includes a new high-rise bridge and a new access road that will tie in directly to Route 24. This should greatly influence the development of the entire area and perhaps bolster the economy of the surrounding communities. We would like to thank Senator Parker and Representative Aguiar for their untiring efforts on behalf of this project.

We can predict that once again the local taxpayer will be faced with a large increase in their tax bills, brought about by the ever increasing cost of Town Government. The cost of welfare, education and the remaining phases of Town Government continue to increase at a phenomenal rate and the only relief in sight being the Master Tax Plan now being studied at the State level or Revenue Sharing which is being considered at the Federal Level or perhaps a combination of both.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Citizens, Town Officials and Employees for their cooperation in the performance of duty—especially to all Town employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. TORRES, Chairman
EDWARD LINHARES
RUDOLPH CHRISTENSON
Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

On March 9, 1970 at the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Moderator appointed the following people to serve on the Finance Committee:

Richard Munsell
George Simmons
Malcolm Borden
Edward McGillivray
Harry Collier
Robert Bradshaw
Lawrence Dutra

On March 16, 1970, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Francis J. Torres organized the Finance Committee. After being sworn in by the Town Clerk, the following officers were nominated and voted into office: Chairman, Edward McGillivray, Vice Chairman, Richard Munsell; Secretary, Harry Collier.

Throughout the year several meetings were held and all appropriations and transfers of money were voted upon.

Previous to the 1971 Town Meeting the Committee will meet the heads of all departments and discuss all budgets.

The Finance Committee thanks all Town Officials and Department heads for their cooperation and courtesy throughout the year.

All townspeople are welcome to attend meetings of the Finance Committee in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD McGILLIVRAY, Chairman
RICHARD MUNSELL, Vice Chairman
HARRY COLLIER, Clerk
MALCOLM BORDEN
ROBERT BRADSHAW
LAWRENCE DUTRA
GEORGE SIMMONS

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Special Town Meeting held on February 25, 1970 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. A recess was declared until everyone was checked in. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Anna Simmons and Hazel Reed.

(1) NOT PASSED: That the town approve the $7,350,-000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vovational Technical School District on January 30, 1970 for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Regional Vocational Technical School.

Ballot Vote No—202, Yes—118.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 2, 1970 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank Rogers, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Elaine Varley, Warden; Anna Simmons, Alice Rogers, Mary Perry, Percy B. Simmons, Alice Sousa, Selma Wall, Hazel Reed, Adele Rose, Bernice Darling, Myrtle Wilson.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 323; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years—Edward Linhares
Moderator for One Year—Ralph M. Deane, Jr.
Assessor for Three Years—Harold M. Mendoza
Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry
School Committee for Three Years—Nicholas T. Santore, Maynard F. Horton
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Committee for Three Years—William G. Toll

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee—John T. Lane
Planning Board for Five Years—Richard C. Engler
Planning Board for One Year—Richard K. Martin
Trustee of Public Library for Three Years—Lois Siegle

The Annual Town Meeting was held on March 9, 1970 at Town Hall. Ralph Deane, Moerator called meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. A recess was called until all voters were checked in. Checkers were Anna Simmons, Elaine Varley and Hazel Reed.

Francis J. Torres commended the following for their many years of service to the Town of Dighton:

Lois L. Staples, Trustee of the Public Library from 1935 to 1970—35 years; Milton Horton, Planning Board Member from 1959 to 1969—11 yrs.; Spencer Oehrle, School Committee Member from 1961 to 1970—9 yrs.; Richard Simmons, School Committee Member from 1964 to 1970—6 yrs.; The Townspeople responded with applause.

Voted: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Voted: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number an dcontent.

Voted: On motion of Francis Torres to consider adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Richard Munsell that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1969 Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Russell Varley that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Russell Variey that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of $48,900, the Town Col-

lector be bonded in the amount of $52,100 and the Town Clerk in the amount of $1,500 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of David Phillips that the Town raise and appropriate $39,533.85 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the capital expense due in 1970 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town raise and appropriate $314,860.40 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1970 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: The the Town raise and appropriate; and raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Account, the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Elem'tary School Bonds	$20,000.00	Robert T. Roy
2. Interest on Elem. School Bonds	880.00	Robert T. Roy
3. Interest on Revenue Loan	5,500.00	Frank Rogers
4. School Department	500,695.00	Charles McKenna
5. Public Library		
Raise& Approp.	4,305.75	
Approp. & Transfer	942.25	
Total	5,248.00	Edward Linhares
6. Board of Health	5,800.00	Rudolph Christenson
7. Ambulance Maintenance	1,125.00	Joseph T. White
8. Care of Town Dumps	4,184.00	Rudolph Christenson
9. Fire Department	16,388.50	Joseph T. White
10. Police Department	43,482.00	Francis Torres
11. Civilian Defense	1,750.00	Henry Bennett
12. Hydrant Rental	1,740.00	Joseph White
13. Town Insurance	15,784.62	Francis Torres
14. Contr. Group Ins.	10,000.00	Francis Torres

15. Brush Control	600.00	Edward Linhares
16. Cemeteries—Public Prop.	650.00	Edward Linhares
17. Chap. 81—Highway Fund	7,800.00	Edward Linhares
18. Chap. 90—Maintenance	2,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
19. Care of TownElms	2,000.00	Rudolph Christenson
20. Insect Pest Control	542.01	Rudolph Christenson
21. Shade Tree Account	500.00	Francis Torres
22. Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00	Francis Torres
23. Street Dept.	46,700.00	Francis Torres
24. Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,200.00	Francis Torres
25. Assessors Dept.	7,180.00	Harold Mendoza
26. Election & Registration	3,740.00	Frank Rogers
27. Finance Committee	30.00	Russell Varley
28. Selectmen's Dept.	4,900.00	Francis Torres
29. Tax Title Account	1,300.00	Frank Rogers
30. Tax Possession	100.00	Frank Rogers
31. Town Accountant	5,870.00	Rudolph Christenson
32. Town Clerk	5,322.00	Frank Rogers
33. Town Collector	6,458.00	Frank Rogers
34. Town Conservation Comm.	200.00	Edward Linhares
35. Town Office Account	7,566.00	Edward Linhares
36. Town Treasurer	4,490.00	Frank Rogers
37. Town Planning Board	1,799.65	C. Douglass Garnett
38. Civic Center Maintenance	600.00	Rudolph Christenson
39. County Retirement Fund	13,163.97	Rudolph Christenson
40. Dog Officer	900.00	Francis Torres
41. Memorial Day Observance	200.00	Francis Torres
42. Playground & Recreation	4,470.00	Francis Torres
43. Veterans Benefits	35,000.00	Edward Linhares
44. Industrial Commission	100.00	Edward Linhares
45. Board of Appeals	200.00	Rudolph Christenson
46. Legal Fees, Town Counsel	4,000.00	Francis Torres
47. Electrical Inspector	1,000.00	Francis Torres
48. Communication Center	16,650.00	Rudolph Christenson

(8) VOTED: On motion of Thomas Collard that the Town raise and appropriate $10,747.44 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1970 of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District.

(9) VOTED: On motion of George Silvia that the salaries of the Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970 as follows:

Board of Assessors—	
Chairman	$1,200.00
Clerk	1,000.00
Members	1,100.00
Board of Health—	
Chairman	700.00
Clerk	700.00
Member	600.00
Board of Selectmen—	
Chairman	1,600.00
Members	800.00
Moderator	100.00
School Committee Secretary	50.00
Town Clerk	2,000.00
Town Collector	3,000.00
Town Treasurer	1,900.00
Tree Warden	100.00

(10) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town transfer from Overlay Surplus $4,000.00 for the purchase of a new 1970 motor vehicle with accessories and equipment including a new two-way radio for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1968 Police Department vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of same.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Joseph White that the Town appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus $28,495.00 for the purchase of a new 1970 Fire Truck with the necessary equipment and apparatus and to authorize the Board of

Selectmen to dispose of a 1937 Maxim Pumper in the best interest of the Town.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus $7,300.00 for the purchase of a 1970 Dump Truck with equipment and attachments for the use of the Highway Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1961 Highway Dept. Dump Truck as a trade value in the purchase of same.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus, $40,000.-00 for the purchase of land and buildings and to renovate Gorden's Garage on County Street for the use of the Highway Department and others and to allow the Selectmen to dispose of the present Highway Highway Garage and property in a manner that will be in the Town's best interest.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Edward Roy that the Town vote to layout, accept and establish Kirk Terrace from Wheeler Street to Lot #31 and out to Walker Street in its present condition as a public highway and named Kirk Terrace, a description of which is contained on a loycut dated August 4, 1967 on a plan and profile by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor, together with a Quitclaim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(15) VOTED: On motion of David Phillips that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue $3,000.-00 for the purpose of defraying costs of the completion of Kirk Terrace.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town approprate and authorize the transfer of $4,442.17 allocated to the Town by provision of Chapter 768, Section 4, Acts of 1969 to a Tremont Street Improvement Project.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue $13,326.-51 to be reimbursed under Section 5, Chapter 768 of the Acts of 1969, for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Center Street.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 20C as set forth by a By-Law confirming parking regulations by the Board of Selectmen and to adopt the schedule of fines as provided by Chapter 90, Section 20C of the General Laws. Hand Vote Yes—151 No—3.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town abandon and release in favor of abutting owners, all rights and interests of the Town to a portion of Old Chestnut Street, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing Proposed Line Changes, Dighton, Mass. Scale—1″ = 50′, March 29, 1954, Seth V. Freeman, Registered Land Surveyor."

(20) Report read by Robert T. Roy, Supt. of Schools of the Dighton School Planning and Building Committee as follows:

"The School Planning and Building Committee has held periodic meetings since the last Annual Town Meeting.

Discussions were held with I. T. Olmy Associates of Fall River, the architectural firm which designed the Elementary School, relative to possible additions at the schools. While additions are possible, the question of sewage disposal facilities and adequate land to meet State requirements pose a problem.

Later in the year, a meeting was held with Mr. John Callabro of the School BuildingAssistance Bureau, at which time an attempt was made to ascertain our ability to build our own school. Mr. Callabro was to study the situation and meet with us again. In the fall, a second meeting was held with him, at which time he stated that as far as the S.B.A.B. was concerned, we could plan and present plans for an addition or new building. He could not speak for the Statt Board of Education, which would have to approve our educational needs. We contacted the Dept. of Education to determine what had been the result of our submission of a plan to implement the "Guidelines for School District Organization". We were informed that it was not approved and at present, the plan was being held up for further review.

As noted in the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, Dighton's School population continues to grow slowly and classes become more crowded. A solution to these problems must be found in the near future. We are following closely, the survey being conducted by the Charles Down Associates in regard to future development of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GERALD FLEMING"

VOTED: On motion of Robert T. Roy that the report of the School Planning and Building Committee be accepted as a progress report and the Committee be instructed to continue to function as outlined.

(21) Report Regarding Preliminary Planning for New Sewage Works read by Rudolph Christenson as follows:

"Since the report of a year ago regarding the proposed sewage systems for both the North and South Sections of the Town, much work has been done. The Board of Health has had six meetings with our engineer, Leland Carter of Faye, Spofford an dThornidke. Of these meetings, two have been held with the Taunton Sewer Commissioners to study the possibility of discharging North Dighton wastes into the Taunton System. Three meeting have been held with the Engineers and Management of I.C.I. America. Progress is being made with the latter industry. With the change of Administration in Taunton, a meeting has been scheduled for the near future.

Proposals and figures have been given us by the engineering firm an dan open meeting will be held in the near future for discussion of the same."

VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the report of the sewerage Study made by Faye-Spoffard and Thorndike, Inc. be accepted as a progress report.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate and transfer $600.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the purpose of helping to defray operating expenses of the Raposa-Knott Post as provided in Chapter 40, Section 9 of the General Laws.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and transfer $6,200.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Construction and in addition, be authorized to borrow a sum of money to meet the State's and County's share in the cost of this work in accord with Section 6A, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

(24) Report of the Committee on Town Assuming Responsibilities of Districts given by Edward Linhares as follows: "The Committee didn't meet this year because no action has been decided on the sewage problem of the Town. And it is felt that this may or may not have some influence on the settlement on whether or not the Town should take the districts over."

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the report from the Committee appointed to study and investigate the feasibility of a petition to the legislature for measures whereby the Town may consider the acceptance of the liabilities and functions of the various districts within the Town be accepted and the Committee be instructed to to continue to function as outlined.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer $882.36, the Dog Tax Refund to the Public Library Account.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town appropriate and transfer $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Highway Vehicles and equipment for 1970 and to meet said appropriation the following transfer be made:

Transfer from Road Machinery Fund	$1,470.00
Transfer from Surpus Revenue (Free Cash)	3,530.00

(27) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the amount of $18,300.00 to the Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Higway Work.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres and amended by George Perry, that the Committee appointed to make recommendations relative to the Town's need for building standards and building inspections be instructed to continue to function as outlined and report back to the Selectmen in 90 days.

(29) VOTED: On motion of George Simmons that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of $7,500.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to the Reserve Account appropriated in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws.

(30) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the 1970 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and 90 and the Town Road Program.

(31) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town raise and appropriate $250.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the mosquito control works estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(32) VOTED: On motion of George Simmons that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction or private sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by tax title.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Harry Collier that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at public auction.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Robert Bradshaw that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in atincipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1970 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given

for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17, General Laws.

William Benevides was recognized to discuss the study on sewage.

Mrs. Talbot questioned the locking of the Town Dumps.

An opinion from the people was requested by Francis Torres regarding the printing of Tax Reports every three years.

The Moderator appointed the following members to the Finance Committee for the year 1970-1971: Richard Munsell, Edward McGillivray, Harry Collier, George Simmons, Robert Bradshaw, Malcolm Borden and Lawrence Dutra.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held on April 1, 1970 at Town Hall was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. A recess was declared until all voters were checked in. Meeting called back to order at 7:47 P.M. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Anna Simmons, Hazel Reed.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

(1) DEFEATED: On motion of John Lane that the Town vote to approve the $7,375,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School District on March 4, 1970 for the purpose of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Regional Vocational Technical School.

Ballot Vote Yes—62 No—233.

(2) VOTED: On motion of John Lane that the Town of Dighton withdraw from the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District and that the Town of Dighton request the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocaitonal Technical School District to draw up an amendment to the

agreement entered into pursuant to Chapter 751 of the Acts of 1965 as amended, setting forth the terms by which said Town of Dighton may withdraw from the Distirct.

Hand Vote Yes—228 No—1.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Joseph White that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue $3,000.00 for the purpose of completing repairs on the North Dighton Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held on May 20, 1970 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator.

Voted: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Voted: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the articles.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town accept an amendment to the agreement that established the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District for the withdrawal of the Town of Rehoboth from said District.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town accept an amendment to the agreement that established the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District for the withdrawal of the Town of Dighton from said District.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue $9,789.56 for the purpose of paying the Town of Dighton's Assessment for release from the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

On September 15, 1970 the State Primary was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Eighty One Republican votes and One Hundred Eighty One Democratic votes were cast for a total of 262 votes.

The Special Town Meeting held on September 30, 1970 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. Allegiance to the flag was given.

Motion by Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant and reference to the articles be made by number and content.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town vote to layout, accept and establish Kirk Terrace from Lot #31 to Walker St. as a public way in it's present condition, a description of which is contained in a layout dated August 4, 1967 on a plan and profile by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town transfer $2,000.00 from the Kirk Terrace Bond Account and in addition, transfer $1,235.20 appropriated under Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant from the Kirk Terrace Phase I Account for the purpose of defraying the cost of the 2nd phase of Kirk Terrace.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that whereas there exists in the Town a shortage of safe sanitary dwellings available for families or elderly persons of low income at rentals which they can afford and that whereas it is hereby determined that a Housing Authority is needed for the provision of housing for families or elderly persons of low income. Now therefore, it is hereby voted that the Dighton Housing Authority shall be organized and established under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121B, Section 3 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

(4) VOTED:On motion of Wilfred Rhines that the Town transfer the former Highway Garage building to the Play-

ground Commission for the purpose of establishing a Youth Center.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the report of the Building Code Committee be accepted as a progress report and the Committee be instructed to function as outlined.

Report by George Ball of the School Planning and Building Committee that they have considered the recommendations of the School Committee regarding construction of a middle school for 500 students. Tentative plan to provide additional space to 1,000 students. Proposal to be presented to townspeople before the next annual Town Meeting.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the report of the School Planning and Building Committee be accepted as a progress report and the Committee be insturcted to function as outlined.

(7) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town transfer $5,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of laying out Maple St.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

On November 3, 1970 the State Election was held in the three precincts as follows: Precinct A—Vets. Memorial Hall; Precinct B—Town Hall; Precinct C—So. Fire Station. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Total number of votes in Precinct A—674, Precinct B—516, Precinct C—398—Total votes cast—1,588.

The Special Town Meeting held on December 9, 1970 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator.

Motion by Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the warrant and reference to articles be made by number and content.

(1) No motion.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town transfer from E & D Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) $2,648.35 to the Town Insurance Account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held on December 30, 1970 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator.

Motion by Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the Article of the warrant and reference to it be made by number and content.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town transfer $7,544.29 from the E & D Surplus Revenue (Free Cash):

$7,167.19 to the Highway Dept. Account.
199.35 to the Town Accountant Account.
177.75 to the Berkley-Dighton Bridge Account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1970

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
2	William Joseph Rogers, Jr.	William J. & Lillian M. Costa Rogers
5	William Joseph Moniz	Michael F. & Angelina C. Rapoza Moniz
30	Debra Marie Lima	David & Norma J. Lamarche Lima
FEBRUARY		
16	Malynda Marie Amann	Charles H. & Marie C. Hunt Amann
MARCH		
10	Todd Francis Lavigne	George F. & Donna J. Read Lavigne
15	Thomas Alan Lewis	Alfred N. & Cynthia J. Compos Lewis
18	James Edward Waite	Carl W. && Gretchen L. Cerister Waite
20	Robert Michael Morrill	John H. & Ruth G. Hixon Morrill
25	Tracy Anne Rubadou	Kenneth G. & Dianne L. Smith Rubadou
28	Jason Bradford Gailes	Joseph R. & Donna C. Eagleson Gailes
APRIL		
1	Linda Marie Correia	Lawrence A. & Elaine D. Kingsley Correia
6	Kelly Jean McLaughlin	Edward D. & Hazel Lacerda McLaughlin
15	Steven Charles Paccotti	Dominic C. & Maureen C. Mansfield Paccotti
20	Scott Edward Stonstrom	Carl E. & Caryle J. Sylvester Stonstrom
20	Debra Lynn Pimento	Joseph & Barbara A. McCabe Pimento
MAY		
1	Robert Waldo Adams, Jr.	Robert W. & Wendy Lee Lingley Adams
5	Anne Marie Flanagan	Mark J. & Anita L. Texeira Flanagan
21	Sylvia Rae Norcliffe	James M. & Mary E. Walker Norcliffe
28	Linda Marie Bennett	Henry L. & Mary L. Lapre Bennett
JUNE		
2	Todd Ernest Bettencourt	Ernest A. & Diana C. Martinville Bettencourt
9	Barbara Gayle Chaloux	Donald L. & Beverly G. Elderkin Chaloux
15	Terri Anne Berube	Thomas B. & Carol V. Cash Berube

JUNE (continued)

18	Noah Raymond McCrohan	John T. & Devona A. Dionne McCrohan
20	Jennifer Lynn Brillo	Michael J. & Deborah A. Buckley Brillo
21	Wendy Anne Zagrodny	Edward R. & Phyllis N. Costa Zagrodny
22	William Arnold Rasmussen, III	William A. & Diane M. Borges Rasmussen, Jr.
29	Laureen Anne Lee	Robert E. & Janice M. Laneres Lee

JULY

10	Eric Joseph Medeiros	Antone & Delores Santos Medeiros, Jr.
13	Joseph Andrew Fornier	Normand R. & Alberta J. Campbell Fournier
20	Kristen Robert Barboza	Robert R. & Carolyn L. Brown Barboza
24	Robert Norman Renard, III	Robert N. & Linda S. Murphy Renard, Jr.
31	Jennifer Louise Henderson	John N. & Ruth A. Dennis Henderson
31	Brian Timothy Curt	Everett J. & Sandra M. Ferriae Curt

AUGUST

4	Lawrence Gilbert Haney, II	Lawrence G. & Cynthia A. Rasmussen Haney
6	Tami Lee Yelle	John D. & Sandra L. Thomas Yelle
12	Ronda Cummings	Ronald F. & Constance Marie Costa Cummings
15	Angela Elvina Craven	Joseph P. & Effie A. Blaine Craven
17	Patricia Louise Arruda	Richard M. & Eileen P. O'Neill Arruda
22	Carolyn Jean Newsham	Robert W. & Lucille Laura Thivierge Newsham
26	Karoline Doty	James M. & Nancy T. Pearl Doty
27	Marnie Marianne Goulding	Edward B. & Patti M. Andrews Goulding
28	Antone Paul Roderick, Jr.	Antone P. & Kathleen A. Cassidy Roderick
31	Rodney James MacDonald	Hugh F. & Donna L. Ribeiro MacDonald

SEPTEMBER

6	Shannon Marie Pontes	Gilbert J. & Shirley L. Vernazzaro Pontes
6	Michael Paul Masciarelli	Joh nP. & Norma A. Adler Masciarelli
6	Heidi Lynn Slaney	Chester A. & Sandra A. DeCastro Slaney
10	Christine Lynn Lamontagne	Emile R. & Pauline R. Lanouette Lamontagne
12	Allana Marie Ashworth	Howard J. & Jesselyn M. MacLean Ashworth
14	Joseph Arthur King, Jr.	Joseph A. & Lucille Catabia King
15	Jeffrey Alan White	Joseph T. & Marlene S. Hayes White
28	Monica Ann Menice	Edward F. & Maureen E. Finlay Menice

OCTOBER

6	Kenneth Ellsworth Kellogg, 3rd	Kenneth E. & Donna M. Cross Kellogg, Jr.
14	Robert Paul Fraga	Paul R. & Arlene M. Turner Fraga
15	Laurie Beth Chlebek	Robert W. & Donna J. McCrossen Chlebek
16	Marc James Civilinski	James & Faith A. Turco Civilinski
20	Janice Le Lopes	Robert J. & Gene M. Korlacki Lopes
24	Kerry Brenna Galligan	Thomas J. & Kathleen M. Scanlon Galligan
25	William Michael Palmer	Austin L. & Virginia L. Trott
29	Todd Tyler Donahue	John R. & Rita Jusseaume Palmer Donahue

NOVEMBER

1	Kimberly Ann Frizado	Joseph M. & Janice D. Lacroix Frizado
1	Joseph Raymond Souza	Joseph F. & Gloria J. Costa Souza
14	Harold Parkinson, III	Harold & Jannie Ann Bullard Parkinson, Jr.
18	Kelly Jean Treacy	Richard H. & Linda Ann Vermette Treacy
21	Janice Marie Botelho	Raymond A. & Mary Ann Lappen Botelho
23	Karla Mae Bosse	Herman & Carol Mae Croome Bosse, Jr.

DECEMBER

8	Bret Michael Reis	Everett M. & Christine Ann Richardson
21	David Wilfred Levesque	Donald A. & Elaine M. LeComte Levesque
1	Dunham, Michelle Anne	Galan L. & Dianne L. Lapierre Dunham
10	Stephen Michael Shimp	Donald P. & Vivian J. Parent Shimp
16	John Wiley Dernoga	Frank & Rosemary Wiley Dernoga

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1970

JANUARY

10 Steaphen Gale Dickinson of Charlemont and Christine Jane Hall of Rehoboth.

16 Ralph W. Potter, Jr. of Taunton and Karin L. Rose of Dighton.

17 James A. Coelho of Dighton and Katherine M. Simpson of Taunton.

24 Richard W. Pettit of Dighton and Jennifer Babbitt of Dighton.

24 Lawrence G. Haney of Taunton and Cynthia A. Rasmussen of Dighton.

FEBRUARY

4 Frederick W. Eliason of Dighton and Carolyn A. Woodcock of Dighton.

7 Stanley P. DeCosta of Somerset and Linda A. Ferreira of Somerset.

14 Thomas H. McMurray of Fall River and Pattie L. LeForrest of Dighton.

14 Thomas E. Tufts of Amherst and Susan A. James of Belchertown.

14 John W. Spencer of Taunton and Catherine V. Redfern of Dighton.

18 James R. Richard of Fairhaven and Dorothy E. Smith of Raynham.

21 Charles A. Drane of Conn. and Michelle A. Lahaie of Somerset.

MARCH

12 Jeremiah Cottrell of Dighton and Norma (Bickford) Murphy of Dighton.

APRIL

4 Albert V. Viera of Rhode Island and Mary (Perry) Kostyk of Swansea.

11 James E. Dias of Dighton and Barbara Richard of Dighton.

11 Paul K. Auger of Brockton and Elizabeth D. Dumin of Dighton.
11 Leo J. Collins, Jr. of Taunton and Beverly Ann Spearin of Dighton.
11 John R. Turner of Berkley and Diana M. Kelley of Dighton.
18 John R. Shearstone of Taunton and Cynthia Smith of Tauunton.
18 George Andrew Warish of Taunton and Kathryn Hayden of Dighton.
18 John Albert Machado of Taunton and Patricia Ann Francis of Dighton.
18 Richard J. Arminio of Taunton and Beverly A. Jones of Dighton.
21 Albert Lelievre of Fall River and Doris (Dube) Pacheco of Fall River.
28 Robert C. Plautz of Illinois and Gail Marzilli of Rhode Island.

MAY

2 Charles R. Menard of Fall River and Joyce Ann Medeiros of Dighton.
10 Thomas R. Hale of Dighton and Janet Ann Ryan of New Hampshire.
16 Horace G. Carpenter of Dighton and Sharon L. Simpson of Rehoboth.
16 William K. Courtney of Washington and Margaret M. Wood of Taunton.
23 Wayne A. Dessert of Rehoboth and Mary Ann Costa of Dighton.

JUNE

6 Kenneth P. Lagace of Dighton and Ellen Talbot of Dighton.
6 Curtis F. Shaw of Dighton and Frances E. (Hawes) Rand of Weymouth.
12 Richard J. Pires of Dighton and Linda Russell of Taunton.
13 Raymond Richard of Dighton and Sharon P. Burke of Taunton.

13 Raymond Audette of Fairhaven and Jean Marie Andrews of Dighton.
14 Oren Keith Hargrove, Jr. of Missouri and Bonnie Ruth Tripp of Dighton.
20 Michael Cordell of Dighton and Deborah Christiansen of Dighton.
20 Michael J. Cronan of Taunton and Kathleen A. Medeiros of Dighton.
20 Michael C. Gendreau of Rehoboth and Sheila M. Maguire of Florida.
20 Barry C. Marvel of Norton and Roberta F. Smith of Norton.
21 Eugene V. Feldman of Melrose and Meredith Harris of Dighton.
21 Glen A. Field of Rehoboth and Elizabeth M. Hopkins of Dighton.
26 Wayne E. LePage of Rehoboth and Beverly L. White of Dighton.
27 Rick A. Benevides of Taunton and Lynda F. Bell of Dighton.
27 George F. Lavigne of Dighton and Anna E. Dutra of Dighton.
27 John J. Campbell of Attleboro and Maureen A. Santos of Dighton.
27 Robert H. Merrill of Dighton and Brenda J. Rebeiro of Dighton.
27 Raymond Jeffrey Coan of Brockton and Susan O'Grady of Attleboro.

JULY

3 George N. Brathas of Attleboro and Joan D. Choiniere of Attleboro.
3 John E. Correira of Taunton and Kathleen F. Faria of Taunton.
4 Manuel M. Borges of Dighton and Janice R. Eaton of Brockton.
4 Jon W. Stryker of Vermont and Polly Jo Crawford of Dighton.

12 Joseph P. Mello of Taunton and Rosemary Peloquin of Dighton.
12 John L. Hill of E. Bridgewater and Jean R. Boulay of Taunton.

AUGUST

1 Alan C. Bright of Rehoboth and Kathleen G. Marsden of Dighton.
1 Francis Silvia of Taunton and Madeline Corey of Dighton.
1 Robert A. Rivers of Raynham and Gail D. Woodward of Dighton.
15 Steven M. Mello of Taunton and Deanne E. Greenlaw of Dighton.
22 Wayne E. Terrill, Jr. of Buzzards Bay and Judith A. Lane of Dighton.
29 Antone M. Medeiros of Fall River and Alice (Ferreira) Gagne of Fall River.
29 Daniel L. Skelly of Dighton and Karen Marie Mansfield of Rehoboth.
29 Joseph G. Silva of Taunton and Janet R. Moynihan of Dighton.

SEPTEMBER

5 William Gilbert Raposa of Dighton and Donna Lee Terrien of Assonet.
11 George Mogus of Taunton and Diane Amaral of Taunton.
12 John Soares of Dighton and Marjorie R. Hunter of Rehoboth.
18 Bernard J. Cartin, Jr., of Swansea and Edna M. (Wordell) Mallette of Dighton.
19 Robert A. Burgmann of Dighton and Denise A. Boyd of So. Attleboro.
26 Bruce F. Borden of Dighton and Clare L. Goldrick of Taunton.
26 Bernard J. Flattery of New York and Caroline Mae Dias of Rehoboth.
30 Robert B. Oliver of Dighton and Jean (Pinard) Merrill of Dighton.

OCTOBER

11 James D. Bennett, Jr. of R. I. and Kaija K. Karppinen of Dighton.

15 Henry P. Goff of Taunton and Louise M. (Ambrozio) Faria of Taunton.

17 Brian Courcy of Dighton and Karin Godbehere of Dighton.

23 Herbert Collins of Taunton and Joanne L. Amaral of Taunton.

24 William S. Silver of Dighton and Doreen C. Sullivan of W. Roxbury.

31 John Dunne of Dighton and Brenda Orsi of Taunton.

NOVEMBER

6 Charles F. Sloan of Florida and Beatrice Thor of Florlida.

14 Arthur A. Lenny, Jr. of Dighton and Donna McGlynn of Taunton.

26 Raymond Raposa of Rehoboth and Janet (Rose) Virdinlia of Dighton.

27 Raymond Ferreira of Dighton and Deborah L. Paull of Taunton.

28 James Hannibal Perry of Dighton and Sharon Costa of Dighton.

DECEMBER

4 Joseph E. McCrohan of Berkley and Helen Szczepkowski of Freetown.

11 Donald J. Bourgeois of No. Attleboro and Alice M. (Rocha) Levesque of Plainville.

12 Brian Donle of Dighton and Francine A. Silvia of Taunton.

15 William B. Clark of Rehoboth and Priscilla D. (Duarte) Phillips of Dighton.

26 Richard A. Lassen of Dighton and Winifred F. (Wareing) Mattos of Raynham.

31 Paul D. Santos of Dighton and Alice M. Riba of Taunton.

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1970

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
4	Evelyn R. (May) Quackenbush	48	2	4
15	Charles A. E. Sears	79	2	23
21	John Tavers	67	3	23
30	William Rasmussen	75	9	1
FEBRUARY				
6	Ethel (McVey) Lapre	53	—	—
8	Mary DeCosta Katon	82	—	—
9	Jadwiga (Bartek) Ulak	87	—	—
11	Joseph William Perry	68	4	5
15	John Moniz Ferreira	76	8	18
28	Thomas Doherty	48	5	22
MARCH				
5	Etta (Whitehead) Shoesmith	82	3	9
7	Eugene Perry	84	—	—
28	Frances (Rogers) Marble	76	7	27
APRIL				
12	Joseph Vincent	37	4	29
17	Sally Ann (Sullivan) Luz	28	8	19
25	Rose M. (Pawloski) Gray	54	7	18
MAY				
7	Harold L. Sherrington	57	5	22
7	Manuel Affonse	71	—	—
18	Mary (Lima) Pina	88	—	—
JUNE				
10	Chester Wilson Tudbury	87	11	8
24	Anna Cruson	97	5	6
30	Helen J. (Richards) Dooley	77	10	26

JULY				
6	Lawson LeForrest	61	6	28
11	James E. Williams	75	10	26
11	Frank Sousa	62	—	—
17	Aubrey T. Wilson	62	9	20
23	Emelia (Gomes) Mattos	84	—	—
AUGUST				
3	Henry Pettis Goff	81	—	8
8	George West	87	9	29
11	Thomas Jackson	83	8	12
25	Mary V. (Gaspar) Costa	71	—	—
SEPTEMBER				
7	Ralph Joseph Guertin	70	—	—
26	Richard Dermody	45	11	2
29	Milton A. Sherman	74	1	4
OCTOBER				
2	Amancio da Rosa Dias	58	—	—
11	Lillian M. (Lamont) Sherman	65	8	23
21	Beatrice (Costa) Medeiros	73	11	17
31	Joseph S. Cunha	75	2	16
NOVEMBER				
25	Marianna F. Gouveia	82	—	—
DECEMBER				
6	Ruth G. (Fisher) Walker	77	2	14
7	Jason Gregory Martin	2	9	11
21	Lizzie D. (Baker) Cole	97	1	9
26	Rose M. (Quinn) Smith	82	3	16
16	Lillian G. Crowell	66	10	13

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/69	Interest in 1970	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/70
Harriet M. Briggs	$200.00	$269.20	$13.69	$282.89	$22.40	$260.49
Submit Babbitt	150.00	174.12	10.74	184.86	8.25	176.61
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	142.17	8.76	150.93	7.00	143.93
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	278.44	14.14	292.58	12.00	280.58
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	164.67	10.16	174.83	8.00	166.83
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	130.83	8.08	138.91	7.00	131.91
Bliss-Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	254.74	12.94	267.68	12.00	255.68
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	202.67	10.29	212.96	10.50	202.46
Dr. A. J. Smth	150.00	186.14	10.33	196.47	8.00	188.47
Martha L. Smith	50.99	58.21	2.55	60.76	3.00	57.76
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	735.09	38.80	773.89	——	773.89
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	160.80	8.14	168.94	——	168.94
Joseph Gooding	142.75	145.49	8.96	154.45	8.00	146.45
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	122.56	6.22	128.78	8.00	120.78
William Walker	250.00	250.38	15.45	265.83	12.00	253.83
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	129.24	6.55	135.79	6.50	129.29
George H. Horton	100.00	151.28	7.70	158.98	9.50	149.48
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	208.48	10.60	219.08	11.00	208.08
Gilbert Strange	300.00	303.72	15.46	319.18	13.00	306.18
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	186.68	11.50	198.18	10.50	187.68

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/69	Interest in 1970	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/70
Emery Wnite	100.00	119.51	6.07	125.58	7.00	118.58
Emeline Williams	100.00	121.37	7.47	128.84	5.50	123.34
Charles E. Carr	500.00	585.40	29.43	614.83	18.00	596.83
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	100.22	4.27	104.49	4.00	100.49
N. Allen Walker	150.98	152.52	8.74	161.26	9.50	151.76
Briggs Lot	125.00	125.00	7.68	132.68	7.10	125.58
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	6320.13	321.98	6642.11	210.00	6432.11
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	310.90	15.78	326.68	9.50	317.18
David W. Francis	100.00	163.55	9.37	172.92	7.00	165.92
Albert F. Goff	50.00	54.66	2.40	57.06	3.00	54.06
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	304.99	15.50	320.47	7.50	312.99
George E. Francis	100.00	236.77	13.55	250.32	7.50	242.82
Benjamin W. Goff	100.00	176.88	8.99	185.87	7.00	178.87
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	157.01	8.97	165.98	6.50	159.48
Ephira Goff	100.00	144.91	7.34	152.25	7.50	144.75
Truman N. Goff	100.00	179.32	9.11	188.43	7.50	180.93
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	365.02	20.93	385.95	8.50	377.45
John H. Harlow	100.00	135.92	6.90	142.82	7.00	135.82
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	138.65	7.03	145.68	7.50	138.18
John H. Horton	100.00	150.31	8.58	158.89	5.50	153.39

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/69	Interest in 1970	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/70
Nelson Horton	100.00	221.65	11.27	232.92	9.00	223.92
Job Paull	100.00	189.52	10.86	200.38	7.00	193.38
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	150.50	8.61	159.11	7.50	151.61
Etta Westcott	100.00	161.82	8.20	170.02	5.50	164.52
Westcott & McNally	200.00	263.40	11.59	274.99	9.50	265.49
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	153.88	8.84	162.72	6.50	156.22
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	130.81	5.75	136.56	5.50	131.06
Thomas Witherell	100.00	152.32	7.74	160.06	6.50	153.56
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	82.32	4.17	86.49	5.50	80.99
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	129.99	6.58	136.57	8.50	128.07
Nathan Walker	100.00	108.86	6.69	115.55	5.75	109.80
Wendell Weed	100.00	100.00	6.18	106.18	5.72	100.46
Williams Lot	100.00	250.56	14.30	264.86	——	264.86
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	474.01	26.01	500.02	12.00	488.02
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	246.66	13.44	260.10	8.50	251.60
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot	200.00	243.18	13.24	256.42	8.00	248.42
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	211.98	13.08	225.06	9.50	215.56
Smith-Kay Lot	500.00	521.86	28.67	550.53	19.50	531.03
Smith Burying Ground	50.00	109.23	6.88	116.11	——	116.11

TOWN OF DIGHTON JURY LIST 1970 - 1971

Name	Address	Post Office	Occupation
Betty L. Angell	1711 Winthrop St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Elaine Barrow	1825 Elm St.	Dighton	Clerk,Key Punch Op.
Ann Black	353 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Eleanor Boisvert	43 Cheryl Road	No. Dighton	Packer
Edward F. Booth	105 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Textile Worker, Clerical
Geraldine F. Borden	621 Gray Terrace	No. Dighton	Housewife
Alvan Constantine	2530 Elm St.	Dighton	Asst. Head Custodian
Louis Constantine, Jr.	2232 County St.	Dighton	Field Investigator—Taxes
Amelia C. Contildes	2520 Pleasant St.	Dighton	Waitress
Helen A. Cordell	1940 Horton St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Mary E. Courcy	95 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Electronics
Clinton V. Davis	49 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Retired
Julia M. Deslauriers	334 Brook St.	Dighton	Insurance Counselor
Charles P. Dupont	1313 Williams St.	Dighton	Maintenance Foreman, Custodian
Joseph P. Dupont	277 Williams St.	No. Dighton	Retired
Albert Enos	2371 County St.	Dighton	Set-Up & Press Op.
Mary A. Enos	2371 County St.	Dighton	Dental Assistant
John A. Fernandes	294 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Tannery Foreman
Alfred Fisher	1972 Elm St.	Dighton	Maintenance Mill-Wright
C. Douglass Garnett	1088 Center St.	No. Dighton	Dealer Sales Supv.
Charles Gracia	1813 Elm St.	Dighton	Maintenance Worker
George Gracia	2125 County St.	Dighton	Retired
Robert Gracia	1865 Elm St.	Dighton	Silver Worker
Gertrude Gray	1918 Wellington St.	Dighton	Switchboard Operator
Edward D. Hamilton	243 Main St.	Dighton	Mechanic
Esther B. Harvey	737 Middle St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Anna J. Hay	2286 County St.	Dighton	Licensed Practical Nurse
Kathleen R. Holbrook	237 Baylies St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Bessie M. Horton	1544 Williams St.	Dighton	At Home

Ernest L. Horton	2709 Wellington St.	Dighton	Chauffeur
Alice Knapinski	1546 Cedar St.	Dighton	Packer
Ruth D. Leeming	1315 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset	At Home
Beverly Lemieux	1531 Wellington St.	Dighton	Housewife
George H. McCombs	249 Rose Terrace	No. Dighton	Security Administrator
Thomas J. McEvoy	2098 Winthrop St.	No. Dighton	Cloth Frame Opr.
Antone Medeiros	380 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton	3rd Class Stationary Engineer
John A. Medeiros	2104 Elm St.	Dighton	Bartender
Marie A. Medeiros	2104 Elm St.	Dighton	Technical Secretary
Evelyn Mendoza	1995 Elm St.	Dighton	Housewife
Lawrence Mendoza	1971 Elm St.	Dighton	Wholesale Flower Shop
Marguerite S. Merrill	2725 Horton St.	No. Dighton	Accounting Sec.
Manuel S. Miguel	477 Hart St.	Dighton	General Manager
George Miguel	2462 Elm St.	Dighton	Retired
Hilda Nascimento	1571 Pine St.	Dighton	Clerk
Virginia Peterson	1543 Cedar St.	Dighton	Housewife
Frank Pine, Jr.	732 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton	Textile Frame Op.
Paul L. Pitt-Dilley	2533 Elm St.	Dighton	Vice President& Treasurer
Bradford D. Place	314 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton	Toolmoker
Grace E. Riley	259 Baylies St.	No. Dighton	Sales Girl— Part Time
Madelyn L. Rose	176 Cobbs Lane	Dighton	Packer
Antone R. Silva	878 Williams St.	No. Dighton	Foreman, Lacquer Spray Department
John W. Silvia	465 Spring St.	No. Dighton	Stock Clerk
Ellis S. Strange	1515 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton	Machinist
John Taylor	135 Summer St.	No. Dighton	Office Custodian
Robert E. Townsend	729 Center St.	No. Dighton	Retired
Dorothy F. Wells	1890 Elm St.	Dighton	Substitute Teacher
William L. White	225 Chase St.	No. Dighton	Substitute Clerk at No. Dighton P.O.
Ruth T. Varley	Chace St.	Dighton	Waitress
Theresa D. Vilela	3043 Elm St.	Dighton	Housewife

JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR 1970

January 14, 1970

Eleanor Boisvert, 43 Cheryl Road, No. Dighton—Packer.

Amelia C. Contildes, 2520 Pleasant St., Dighton—Waitress.

Hilda Mascimento, 1571 Pine St., Dighton—Clerk.

Lawrence Mendoza, 1971 Elm St., Dighton—Wholesale Flower Shop.

February 18, 1970

Beverly Lemieux, 1531 Wellington St., Dighton—Housewife.

Edward D. Hamilton, 243 Main St., Dighton—Mechanic.

March 18, 1970

Clinton V. Davis, 49 Forest St., No. Dighton—Retired.

April 15, 1970

Paul L. Pitts-Dilley, 2533 Elm St., Dighton—Vice President & Treasurer.

May 6, 1970

Elaine Barrow, 1825 Elm St., Dighton—Clerk, Key Punch Operator.

John Taylor, 135 Summer St., No. Dighton—Office Custodian.

June 17, 1970

Marie A. Medeiros, 2104 Elm St., Dighton—Technical Secretary.

September 16, 1970

Marguerite S. Merrill, 2725 Horton St., No. Dighton—Accounting Clerk.

Robert Gracia, 1865 Elm Street, Dighton—Silver Worker.

October 14, 1970

Ellis S. Strange, 1515 Somerset Ave., Dighton—Machinist.

John A. Medeiros, 2104 Elm St., Dighton—Bartender.

November 10, 1970

Theresa D. Vilela, 3043 Elm St., Dighton—Housewife.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1970 is as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

To be raised by taation		$1,185,758.19
To be taken from available funds:		
Voted in 1969	$3,435.13	
Voted in 1970	142,046.04	
		145,481.17
School Lunch & Libraries		7,314.18
County Tax		43,930.58
State Recreation Areas		6,696.81
Audit of Municipal Accounts		231.88
Mosquito Control Projects		3,019.52
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		483.30
1969 Underestimates		1,110.96
Overlay		76,400.16
Amount to be raised		$1,470,426.75

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1970 Estimated Receipts	$273,527.65	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	107,473.11	
Licenses	5,503.67	
Fines	257.00	
Interest on Taxes	868.66	
Overestimates	119.98	
Transferred from available funds	145,481.17	
Total Estimated Receipts		$533,231.24
Amount to be raised by taxes		$937,195.51

Value of Personal Property	$ 961,525.00		
Taxes Assessed on Personal		$118,267.58	
Value of Real Estate	6,657,950.00		
Taxes Assessed on Real Estate		818,927.93	
Total Valuation	$7,619,475.00		
Total Taxes			$937,195.51

Tax Rate—$123.00 per M

Value of Exempt Property	4,435,423.00
Stock in trade	83,825.00
Machinery	38,800.00
All other tangible personal property	838.900.00
Value of land	931,575.00
Value of buildings	5,726,375.00
Taxes assessed on Motor Vehicles & Trailers	116,544.25

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations		$33,144.00	
Overlay		1,926.43	
Gross amount to be raised by taxes			$35,070.43
Estimated Receipts		18,041.98	
Net amount to be raised by taxes			$17,028.45
Value of Personal Property	$ 52,900.00		
Taxes on Personal		476.10	
Value of Real Estate	1,839,150.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		16,552.35	
Total Valuation	$1,892,050.00		
Total Taxes			$17,028.45

Tax Rate—$9.00 per M

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations		$5,415.00	
Overlay		618.81	
Gross amount to be raised by taxes			$6,033.81
Net amount to be raised			$6,033.81
Value of Personal Property	$ 357,225.00		
Taxes on Personal		714.45	
Value of Real Estate	2,659,680.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		5,319.36	
Total Valuation	$3,016,905.00		
Total Taxes			$6,033.81

Tax Rate—$2.00 per M

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	$104,907.51	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1970	7,171.76	
Overlay	4,424.27	
Gross amount to be raised		$116,503.54
Estimated Receipts	$33,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	7,171.76	
Total Estimated Receipts		$40,171.76
Net amount to be raised by taxes		$76,331.78

Value of Personal Property	$ 448,125.00		
Taxes on Personal		$ 7,618.13	
Value of Real Estate	4,041,975.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		68,713.65	
Total Valuation	$4,490,100.00		
Total Taxes			$76,331.78

Tax Rate—$17.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MENDOZA, Chairman
HOWELL CARR
LEO T. PIVOROTTO
Board of Assessors

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1970

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1969	$ 255,121.32
Total Receipts in 1970	1,907,205.46
	$2,162,326.78
Selectmens Warrants in 1970	$1,953,951.72
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1970	208,375.06
	$2,162,326.78

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Real Estate	1967	1968	1969	1970
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969		$3,313.62	$21,530.88	
Commitment				$818,977.13
Added Interest		217.61	640.23	122.86
Refund Abatement			46.80	1,354.60
Total		3,531.23	22,217.91	820,454.59
Paid Treasurer		3,211.43	16,738.47	758,668.43
Abatements			280.80	36,261.34
Tax Titles		79.80		405.90
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970		240.00	5,198.64	25,118.92
Total		3,531.23	22,217.91	820,454.59
Personal Property				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969		556.80	1,205.10	
Commitment				119,559.08
Added Interest		31.42	1.38	
Total		588.22	1,206.48	119,559.08
Paid Treasurer		348.22	200.28	117,308.18
Abatement				61.50
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970		240.00	1,006.20	2,189.40
Total		588.22	1,206.48	119,559.08

Motor Vehicle Excise	1967	1968	1969	1970
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	141.35	8,700.13	12,100.37	
Added Commitments			10,548.71	
Commitments				116,544.25
Added Interest	.30	12.87	60.81	1.43
Refund Abatement			855.33	2,171.94
Total	141.65	8,713.00	23,565.82	118,717.62
Paid Treasurer	9.10	544.52	19,666.68	92,108.51
Abatements			2,926.23	9,406.20
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970	132.55	8,168.48	972.91	17,202.91
Total	141.65	8,713.00	23,565.82	118,717.62

Dighton Water District—Personal			
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	32.20	91.50	
Commitment			7,618.13
Added Interest	.56	.19	
Total	32.76	91.69	7,618.13
Paid Treasurer	4.76	7.69	7,582.43
Abatement			8.50
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970	28.00	84.00	27.20
Total	32.76	91.69	7,618.13

Dighton Water District—Real Estate	1965	1968	1969	1970
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	8.00	405.30	3,330.94	
Commitment				68,713.65
Added Interest	2.04	29.16	78.06	4.74
Refund Abatements				16.15
Total	10.04	434.46	3,409.00	68,734.54
Paid Treasurer	10.04	374.26	2,662.87	64,442.70
Abatements				115.60
Tax Titles		60.20		45.05
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970			746.13	4,131.19
Total	10.04	434.46	3,409.00	68,734.54

Dighton Electric Light District—Personal				
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969		3.91	12.20	
Commitment				714.45
Added Interest		.14	.02	
Total		4.05	12.22	714.45
Paid Treasurer		.65	1.02	710.25
Abatement				1.00
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970		3.40	11.20	3.20
Total		4.05	12.22	714.45

Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate	1968	1969	1970
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	26.61	236.70	
Commitment			5,319.36
Added Interest	1.94	6.59	.44
Refund Abatements			3.10
Total	28.55	243.29	5,322.90
Paid Treasurer	24.64	185.09	4,985.89
Abatements			8.10
Tax Title	3.91		5.30
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1969		58.20	323.61
Total	28.55	243.29	5,322.90

North Dighton Fire District—Personal		
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	3.50	
Commitment		476.10
Total	3.50	476.10
Paid Treasurer		458.10
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970	3.50	18.00
Total	3.50	476.10

North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate	1968	1969	1970
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1969	98.70	332.85	
Commitment			16,552.35
Added Interest	5.34	9.40	1.99
Refund Abatements			6.30
Total	104.04	342.25	16,560.64
Paid Treasurer	104.04	252.65	16,219.54
Abatements			20.70
Tax Titles			1.80
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1970		89.60	318.60
Total	104.04	342.25	16,560.64

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending 31 December 1970.

A total of 288 calls were answered by the Fire Department including 138 Ambulance calls a breakdown of which will be found in the Annual Ambulance Report.

A breakdown of Fire Calls follows:

5—Auto accident
5—Auto fire
3—Barn fire
2—Bomb scare
1—Broken gas main
1—Broken water line
63—Brush fire
9—Dump fire
1—Flush sewer
18—Grass fire
2—Grass and building
12—House fire
1—House trailer
2—Mutual aid
4—Needless calls
4—Pump cellar
1—Pump well
2—Remove cat from tree
2—Smoke investigation
3—Standby
4—Standby (power failure)
3—Storm standby
1—Tent platform
1—False alarm

Approximate figures of materials and equipment used:

Water from booster tanks—77,920 gal.
Booster Hose—19,250 ft.
2½″ Fire Hose—5,050 ft.
1½″ Fire Hose—4,100 ft.
1⅛″ Forestry Hose—21,200 ft.
Ladders—274 ft.

Permits issued:

14—Oil storage
3—Blasting permits
1—Model rocket
1—Gasoline storage
2—Remove gasoline tank
2—L.P. gas storage
3—Fireworks

Monthly drills were held at each station and some firemen attended firefighting schools hel dat East Bridgewater and Fairhaven, Mass. under direction of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Eighteen officers and firemen also completed a course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation held at Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

A contract was signed with the Farra Company of Woodville, Mass. for a 1,000 G.P.M. pumping engine and we expect delivery late in 1971.

During the month of July it became necessary to have firemen on duty because of the shutdown of both Raytheon and ICI America. These two companies are the main source of manpower during the work day. The lack of manpower during the work day has been of concern for some time. How long we can go on as a all Call Fire Department depends on our daytime coverage and just now the out-look is not good.

I wish to thank the officers, firemen and the Town Officials for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,
Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my police report for 1970.

ARRESTS: Begetting (1), Breaking & Entering in N.T. (5), Dighton Parking Laws (1), Assault & Battery (5), Neglect to Provide (2), Drunk & Disorderly (6), Assault with a dangerous weapon (2), Assault to commit murder (1), Trespassing (1), Committted to State Hospital (3), Operating under the Influence (2), Forgery, uttering & Larceny of a check (2), Disturbing the peace (1), Operating to endanger (2), Selling a firearm without a license (2), Carrying a firearm without a license (1), Murder, First Degree (1), Driving without a license (1), Operating without authority (1), A.W.O.L. (2).

SUMMONS SERVED: 36.

COMPLAINTS & REQUESTS: 1,324.

Cars Stolen (17), Cars located (13), Bomb scares (3), Missing Persons (5) all located, Malicious Damege (17), Restitution (8), Breaking & Entering (26), Accidents (69), Investigations (200).

PERMITS GRANTED: To sell Firearms (2), to carry Firearms (53), for machine gun (1), ID cards for Firearms (64), Tickets for parking violations (155).

As this will be my last report as your Chief of Police, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials and the citizens of Dighton for their cooperation in the years I have served you. A special thank you to my Police Officers, who, day after day, serve whenever help is needed. With your efficient communication center on a 24 hour service, your Police are always there to answer your call. I also wish to thank the State Police who have been most helpful.

Crime and lawlessness are at an all time high, with the narcotic situation worse than ever. We all have the same concern, to lower the crime rate. It is only with the help of you, the citizens, that the Police Department can handle these

situations. I know if they receive the cooperation I have throughout the years, these matters will be taken care of satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the annual report for the Town Ambulance for the year ending 31 December 1970.

The Fire Department answered 138 Ambulance calls during 1970.

To:

69—Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
7—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
2—Cardinal Cushing Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
1—V.A. Hospital, Providence, R.I.
1—St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
1—New England Hospital, Stoneham, Mass./Bedford Nursing Home, Fall River, Mass.
2—Sturdy Hospital—Attleboro, Mass.
1—St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass./Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
13—Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
2—Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass.
1—Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass./Cardinal Cushing Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
1—Mt. Auburn Hospital, Watertown, Mass.
1—Morton Hospital, Taunton Mass./St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass.
3—St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass.
1—St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass./Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

9—Home, Dighton, Mass.
1—Pondville Hospital, Norfolk, Mass.
1—St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass.
1—V.A. Hospital, West Roxbury, Mass.
1—Recover body from river, Dighton, Mass.
1—R.I. Hospital, Providence, R.I.
2—Lakeville Hospital, Lakeville, Mass.
2—Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
1—Rosewood Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
1—Plymouth County Hospital, So. Hanson, Mass.
1—Brockton City Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
1—Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
1—Hallmark Nursing Home, East Bridgewater, Mass.
7—Ambulance not needed
2—D.O.A.

16—Oxygen used
149—Patients handled

I wish to thank the members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,
Chief of the Fire Department

DOGS LICENSED IN 1970

Males	347
Females	50
Spayed Females	164
Kennels	13
	574

JOINT REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN AND THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

During a meeting of the Heritage Committee, it was noted that 1970 has been a year of transition—a year in which several plans have been made for future acts which may become historically significant. For example, plans are being made for a new Dighton-Berkley bridge which will change the route across the Taunton River. Other events were listed which will be considered from time to time, to see what effect they have on our history.

The Town Historian, Miss Helen Lane, reports that her committee has completed the task of recording all of the known town cemeteries. She is still very interested in turning the banks of the Segreganset River which are so historical in past usage into parks or recreation areas which will not detract from, nor destroy the vestiges of old mills and factories.

The Heritage Committee regrets the vandalism in our town which has affected our cemeteries and our monuments. Just recently, paint was found on our monument at the corner of Brook and Pine Strets. To offset this, we are happy to note the increasing interest of the Dighton Junior Historical members in the projects of the Dighton Historical Society. Junior members now have officers and plan to meet more frequently in 1971. They have been most helpful at the various events at the Winslow-Davis House.

The Historical Society reports that progress has been made on the Winslow-Davis House, this year. A heating system has been installed and is in operation, work was done on the upstairs apartment, and the sill was replaced under the north west wall. There is much more work to be done, particularly on refinishing the interior of the house, and all who would like to join the work sessions for as many minutes as they can spare are most welcome.

The Committee thanks all Dightonians and others who are interested in preserving Dighton's Heritage and who

show it by their efforts and cooperation with the Committee, with the Dighton Historical Society, and with the Town Historian.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE, Chairman
HELEN A. BROWN, Secretary
ELAINE B. VARLEY
CHARLES W. HARRIS, JR.
Heritage Committee

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

During the year cemetery work was taken care of by Roy Horton.

The Town Cemetery on Elm Street was mowed three times, and stones were reset in the Briggs Lot.

Fifty eight perpetual care lots were mowed five times and all other lots the same.

Cleaning out of brush was done on Riverside Ave., Briggs Cemetery on Wellington Street and Maple Street. Damaged stones in the Maple St. Cemetery were repaired. Graves were filled in the above cemetries as well as the Gooding Cemetery on Center Street.

Plans for 1971 include more clearing of brush in the cemeteries as well as keeping the present ones mowed.

The Commissioners wish to thank Roy Horton for his interest as well at his work.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL HATHAWAY
HELEN A. BROWN
ELAINE B. VARLEY, Clerk

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the
Townspeople of Dighton:

Throughout the year the Town of Dighton has participated in all State or Federally sponsored Civil Defense drills conducted for local communities. All monthly Director meetings were attended and Dighton claims 100% attendance "on net" for monthly radio checks.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

February—Raytheon Company and the Town of Dighton co-signed a shelter agreement allowing use of certain Raytheon buildings for Civil Defense Shelter purposes.

March—Graduated four volunteers from the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency sixteen hours Radiological Monitoring instruction course.

April—Transferred the Packaged Disaster Hospital Unit from Dighton Junior High School basement to the State Pier, Fall River.

May—Inspection of shelter supplies stored at Bristol County Agricultural School.

June—9 North Dighton Fire Station personnel volunteered to participate in a Civil Defense home study course.

July—The Board of Selectmen, the Fire Chif and the Superintendent of Streets volunteered to enroll in the home study course entitled "Civil Defense Director/co-ordinator".

August—Dighton Civil Defense received notification from Headquarters; Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency that deficiencies exist in the Dighton Civil Defense program. Deficiencies are in the area of volunteer manning and training, administrative planning and number of available shelter and radiological stations.

October—Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency instituted a monthly unscheduled test warning program.

The year 1970 has revealed the strength and weaknesses of Civil Defense in the Town of Dighton. For strength we have equipment, an operating warning system, an excellent communications system (5 portable radios), emergency generators, radiological monitoring equipment and other items. However, good equipment is useless without trained operators and therein lies our weakness. We have very few volunteers. Volunteers are required if Dighton is to have a useful Civil Defense organization.

I wish to thank the Civil Defense Radio Officer, Town Officials, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Superintendent of Streets and Town employees for all assistance provided during 1970.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY L. BENNETT,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1970.

Total circulation of books and periodicals		18,762
Adults	9,401	
Juvenile	8,641	
Periodicals	720	
Number of persons using the reading room		1,144
Collected in fines		$82.89

During the year, 515 books were added, of which 19 were gifts.

30 records of classical music have been donated by the Columbia Recording Company.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1970

The following Permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

Building Permits:

New Houses	31	Plumbing Permits	66
Garages	11	Sanitation Permits	48
Swimming Pools	9	Sausage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	22	Garbage Permit	2
Additions & Alterations	28	Rubbish Permit	1
Demolishing	8	Gas Storage	2
Gravel Permits	11	Electrical Permits	81

The following Licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:

Retail Package Store	3	Common Victualler	3
Club	1	Temporary Wine & Malt	20

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class I	1	Class III	2
Class II	10		

Denatured Alcohol	3	Lord'sDay Sale	8
Auctioneer's	3	Oleomargarine	6
FoodServiceEstablishment	22	Milk, Store	5
Camps, Cabins, Motels	2	Milk, Vehicle	7
Common Victualler (Food)	7	Oyster Privilege	1
Lord's Day Entertainment	36	Junk Collector	1

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. on August 28, 1970 and August 29, 1970; to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from August 31, 1970 thru' September 5, 1970 and again, to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. from September 7, 1970 thru' October 31, 1970.

Permssion was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on seven (7) Sunday's during the year 1970.

Respectfully submitted,
LEAH B. CROSBY, Clerk
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Planning Board and Citizen's Advisory Committee have met many times through the year with Charles Downe Associates on the preparation of the Master Plan. Unfortunately, only half of this committee fully participated in the finalization of the Master Plan and to these people the Planning Board extends it's gratitude for the many hours and research done to make this Plan most useful to the Town in it's planning for the future.

The Master Plan is now complete and copies of the report will be available shortly. Tis Report has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the U. S. Government. The Commonwealth's Department of Community Affairs has also, approved the Downe Associates recommendations.

The suggested changes will be heard at a public hearing on February 17, 1971 and will be presented to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

Although there were no puublic hearings held in 1970 for sub-division of land, the Planning Board is forecasting a greater growth in the Town over the next ten (10) years as against the last decade.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Chairman
RICHARD C. ENGLER, Vice Chairman
GEORGE A. PERRY, Clerk
RICHARD MARTIN
CLIVE E. PERRIN
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Playground Commission hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1970.

On April 23, 1970, Mr. Alfred Pacheco, Jr. was appointed to one of the two vacancies on the Commission. On June 24, 1970, Mrs. Barbara L. Heywood was appointed to the last vacancy on the three member commission.

This year the Commission was please to announce the installation of new equipment at the playgrounds which included 12 swings, 1 pair of flying rings, 2 trapeze bars, 2 tether balls, 6 seesaws, and 2 hobbyhorse swings. In addition to new equipment, the old wooden fence at the South Playground was replaced with a new chain link fence and the hazardous remains of a foundation was removed. Drinking fountains were put into use at both playgrounds, old equipment was reset into the ground for the safety of the children using the play equipment and the rusting equipment was painted along with the dugouts.

The Commission would like to thank Miss Susan McGuirk, Miss Sherry Medeiros and the young people who used both playgrounds. They participated in a clean-up, fix-up campaign that resulted in many fine compliments on the appearance of the playgrounds, equipment and general attitude of all who made the effort possible. We would be remiss if we did not extend a personal thank you to Superintendent of Streets, Alfred Perry and his department workers for their help and assistance with the many requests made upon them.

The biennial Kiddies Day has been replaced with an annual Field Day to be held at the close of the playground season and directed by each playground instructor. Acceptance of the first Field Day clearly showed that the children enjoyed the informal atmosphere at their respective playgrounds.

A five year plan for growth projection was submitted by Mrs. Heywood and Mr. Pacheco to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The report, with minor deletions, was accepted and incorporated into that section of the towns' Master Plan which deals with Playgrounds and Recreational Areas.

A group of high school students approached the Commission concerned with the fact that there were no recreational facilities in town available to them. This stimulated the board to ask for the transfer of the vacated Town Garage to the Playgrouund Commission for the purpose of establishing a youth recreational center. On September 30, 1970, a special Town Meeting was held and the voters unanimouusly approved this transfer.

This was a year of accomplishment for the Playground Commission. We thank the townspeople for their cooperation and look forward to 1971 as a year for growth and imprvement.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED A. RHINES, Chairman
BARBARA L. HEYWOOD, Secretary
ALFRED PACHECO, JR.

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the year 1970:

Permits issued:

Food Establishment Permits	6
Temp. Food Establishment Permits	16
Sanitation Permits	48
Building Permits	109

Building permits issued were as follows:

New Dwellings	31
Garages	11
Barns, Sheds and Miscellaneous	22
Swimming Pools	9
Additions and Alterations	28
Demolish	8

Six permits for buildings were referred to the Board of Appeals.

All food establisments were checked as required by State Sanitary Code.

All complaints pertaining to Public Health were investigated.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R. S.,
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

There are two distinct functions carried out by this department, Veterans' benefits and Veterans' services.

Veterans' benefits operate under Massachusetts General Law's, Chapter 115. This program is primarily to assist veterans and/or their dependents with ordinary living expenses or medical bills in times of need.

Benefits were granted to 21 cases which qualified for assistance during the year 1970.

Town Appropriation of $35,000.00 showed a balance of $6,941.19 at the end of the year as total expenditures amounted to $28,058.81.

The state reimburses 50% of all approved amounts paid to persons who reside in the town. To date reimbursements of $9,287.53 have been received. This cover the period ending April 1970.

The Department of Veterans' Services assists veterans to file for pensions, compensation, education, bonus and other federal benefits available through the Veterans' Administration. We also assist widows to file for death pensions and burial allowance.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services and personnel of the State Department.

The fine cooperation of Town Officials and personnel is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,
Veterans' Agent

PROGRESS REPORT ON RECREATION AREA JUNIOR HIGH GROUNDS

At the annual Town Meeting in 1968, the townspeople voted to allow the Dighton Lions Club to construct a modified Sports Area on Town property, located north of the Junior High School.

The necessary funds had to be raised before any construction could be started, and once we were assured of these funds, the actual work did commence.

A large amount of excavating had to take place and this was completed. Gravel had to be hauled in and spread according to specifications with several drains installed.

A contract was agreed on with a prominent contractor for the blacktop work, and this would have been completed this fall except that a shortage of blacktop and bad weather conditions prohibited this and consequently this work will not take place until Spring or early Summer.

Landscaping, fencing, and purchase of equipment will have to be considered upon completion of the surfacing with blacktop.

A large portion of the funds for the above will be provided by the proceeds of our annual auction to be held in the Spring. We would appreciate any donation of articles to this auction. Please call 669-5411, 669-5538 or 824-6465 at any time.

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who has donated money, labor, equipment, and technical advice toward this project.

DIGHTON LIONS CLUB
SPORTS AREA COMMITTEE
RICHARD F. SIMMONS, Chairman

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1970 is as follows:

I visited and inspected 44 barns and found the following number of animals:

Beef Cattle	41
Dairy Cattle	127
Bulls	5
Ponies	9
Horses	24
Sheep	24
Swine	12
Goats	3

These animals appear healthy and the barns were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Diseases Control, Government Center, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, Mass. 02202 on December 31, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BERGER,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On March 4, 1970 I was notified of my appointment and approval by Alfred L. Frechette, M.D., Commissioner of Public Health, as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1971.

I had no reports to file as I had not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BERGER,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the seventh annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1970, this Board held 10 public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners to whom building permits had been denied. The Board of Appeals acted on those 10 cases, approving 9 and denying 1 case.

Mr. William Duarte, Clerk to the Board resigned as a member of the Board on October 14, 1970 and Mr. Robert Russell, an associate member, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of the variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Members of the Board of Appeals are as follows:

FROHMAN ANDERSON, Chairman
ROBERT RUSSELL, Clerk
JOSEPH LAWRENCE

Associate members are:

FRANCIS O'CONNOR
ALLEN BALDWIN

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my first annual report as Town Accountant in the following schedules as required under the provisions of Chapter 41 Section 61 of the General Laws:

Schedule #1	Balance Sheet for 1970
Schedule #2	Analysis of Receipts for 1970
Schedule #3	Departmental Disbursements for 1970
Schedule #4	Departmental Statement
Schedule #5	Analysis of Excess & Deficiency Surplus Revenue
Schedule #6	Statement of Indebtedness 12-31-70

The gross earnings for the Town of Dighton's 261 employees amounted to $577,474.35.

Free Cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts is:
— $50,906.00 —

My sincere appreciation is extended to all persons who co-operated with me in performing my duties.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL L. SKELLY,
Town Accountant

SCHEDULE #1

Town of Dighton — **BALANCE SHEET** — **December 31, 1970**

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
On Hand and In Banks		$208,375.06
Petty Cash Advances		23.00
Accouunts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
1968 Personal Property	$ 240.00	
1969 Personal Property	1,006.20	
1970 Personal Property	2,189.40	
		3,435.60
1968 Real Estate	259.22	
1969 Real Estate	5,198.64	
1970 Real Estate	25,118.90	
		30,576.76
Taxes in Litigation		3,961.30
1967 Motor Excise	145.75	
1968 Motor Excise	8,168.48	
1969 Motor Excise	972.91	
1970 Motor Excise	17,202.88	
		26,490.02
Departmental:		
Medical Assistance	195.65	
Veterans Benefits	8,128.70	
		8,324.35

LIABILITIES

Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		$ 23.00
Sale of Real Estate		500.00
Appropriation Balances:		
Gordon's Garage	$ 663.43	
1970 Dump Truck	870.00	
N. Dighton Fire Station	1,683.00	
Town Forest	750.00	
1970 Fire Truck	28,495.00	
S. Dighton Dump	4,000.00	
Sewerage Needs	7,500.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	12,889.53	
Kirk Terrace Phase II	2,000.00	
Williams St.—Phase III	3,359.80	
Maple Street Layout	2,900.00	
Carpenterville Project	3,910.00	
Completion of Kirk Terrace	1,171.54	
School Needs	10,000.00	
Title II & Title III	2,688.98	
Conservation Fund	92.50	
Communications Center	1,388.22	
Police Cruiser—1970	1,350.00	
		85,712.00

Aid to Highways:		
State	31,942.83	
County	9,542.21	
		41,485.04
Tax Titles		5,472.61
Tax Possessions		3,067.56
Underestimates:		
State Recreation Areas	536.21	
Mosquito Control	1,015.45	
		1,551.66
Receipts for Group Insurance		5.92
Overdrawn Accouunts:		
Playground & Recreation	34.51	
Chapter 81 & 90	3,094.02	3,128.53
		$335,897.41

Employees Deductions for Grp. Ins.		123.66
Agency:		
Dog Licenses	17.00	
Town History Books	79.50	
Tailings	548.94	
		645.44
Revolving Fund Cafeteria		3,287.24
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery	650.00	
St. Aid Public Libraries	942.25	
		1,592.25
Overlays		34,012.36
Taxes in Litigation		3,961.30
Aid to Highway Revenue		41,485.04
Gasoline Accouunt		784.38
Overestimates:		
County Tax		1,749.24
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Tax Title Revenue	5,375.05	
Tax Possessions	2,549.87	
M/V Revenue	26,592.32	
		34,517.24
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		30,613.69
E & D Surplus Revenue		96,890.57
		$335,897.41

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	20,000.00	Elementary School Bonds	$ 20,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

		Trust Funds Cash & Securities:		
Trust Funds:		Stabilization Fund	112,450.37	
		Cemeteries Perpetual Care	11,862.42	
Cash in Savings Banks	131,982.87	Joshua Bliss	6,432.11	
		Charles S. Chace	1,237.97	
				$131,982.87

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS
1970

SCHEDULE #2

Accountants' Analysis for the year 1970:

TAXES		
Motor Vehicle		
1967	$ 8.80	
1968	531.65	
1969	19,605.87	
1970	92,107.08	
		$112,253.40
Real Estate		
1963	80.69	
1968	2,993.82	
1969	16,098.24	
1970	758,845.57	
		777,718.32
Personal Property		
1968	316.80	
1969	198.90	
1970	117,308.18	
		117,823.83
Interest on Taxes		
Real Estate	1,009.81	
Motor Vehicle	66.82	
Personal Property	32.80	
		1,109.43
Tax Title Account		117.29
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Town Office	600.00	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	102.91	
Veterans Services	9,288.83	
Welfare Department	6.67	
Road Machinery	280.00	
Highway Department	23.36	
		10,301.77

AID TO HIGHWAY REVENUE

State:		
Chapter Contract		
Ch. 90 #24931	2,000.00	
Ch. 81 #8627	6,571.49	
Ch. #769	17,768.68	
Ch. 90 #25955	3,000.00	
		29,340.17
County:		
#24702	315.08	
#25138	1,500.00	
#24931	2,000.00	
		3,815.08

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

Raffle	40.00
Gravel	130.00
Building	415.00
Firearms	133.00
Oyster Bed	65.00
Gasoline Storage	2.50
Sausage Permit	5.00
Sanitation	225.00
Advertising Fees	30.93
Rubbish, Garbage	6.00
Plumbing	513.00
Food	1.00
Auctioneers	25.00
Hearing Fees	16.00
Land Court	43.73
Electrical	649.00
Denatured Alcohol	3.00
Class I, II, III Motor Vehicle	85.00
All Alcoholic, Package Store	600.00
Restaurant	1,000.00
Camp License	1.00
Package Store—Beer & Wine	464.00
Lord's Day	95.00
Food Service	94.00
Club License	1,000.00

Milk License	3.00	
Oleo License	2.50	
Common Victualler	31.50	
M/V Junk	1.00	
Milk Store	.50	
Gun and ID Cards	57.00	
Christmas Fund—		
Greyhound Association	1,000.00	
Kirk Terrace Bond	2,000.00	
		8,881.66

MISCELLANEOUS

Road Machinery	370.00	
Tax Anticipation Loan	400,000.00	
Sanitary Fund	12.95	
Gas Renewals	3.00	
State Aid—Public Libraries	1,075.87	
Street Listing Cert. Municipal Lien	45.25	
Regional Public Libraries	534.50	
Photocopies	19.65	
Court Fines	231.00	
Town History Books	93.00	
Fines—Puublic Library	77.09	
Parking Fines	390.00	
Surplus Property	8.00	
		402.860.31

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	12,134.53	
Elementary and Junior High	26,439.22	
		38,573.75

COUNTY OF BRISTOL

Boarding Care and Killing Dogs	740.00	
Dog Fund	882.36	
		1,622.36

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

School Aid Chapter 745	11,792.02	
Income S. Aid Chapter 70	131,844.22	

U.S. Education Transportation	24,557.38	
State Wards—Tuition	2,403.80	
Machinery Basis	19,269.46	
National Defense Education	1,879.55	
Valuation Basis	23,488.42	
Chapter 69 & 71	17,226.00	
Chapter 58—Sp. Ed.	7,669.00	
		240,129.85

REFUNDS AND RECOVERIES

Personal Telephone Calls	.35	
Police Department	5,098.50	
Street Department	19.00	
Fire Department	26.20	
BC-BS Dividend	560.03	
Insurance Dividend	1,262.00	
Cafeteria Account	12.57	
School Department	387.99	
Playground and Recreation	37.17	
Federal Communication Refund	6.00	
Chapter 81	8.00	
		7,417.81

AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	8,987.61	
Federal Taxes	78,523.60	
State Taxes	16,200.61	
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement	16,815.68	
Washington Insurance	909.84	
Charles S. Chace Trust Fund	30.00	
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	459.22	
Proceeds—Dog Licenses	1,332.00	
Proceeds—Sale of Dogs	36.00	
Police Department—Dog Track	17,030.00	
Police Department—Rehoboth Fair		
Tax Sheltered Annuity	6,010.00	
Joshua Bliss Cemetery	210.00	
		146,544.56

CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE		
Employee Deductions	8,293.74	
Receipts for Group Insurance	402.08	
		8,695.82
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$1,907,205.46
Cash Balance, January 1, 1970		255,121.32
		$2,162,326.78

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS
1970

SCHEDULE #3

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen		
Salaries	$ 3,199.09	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	105.91	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	629.26	
Telephone	303.82	
Selectmen's Agent	340.00	
Advertising	289.30	
Miscellaneous	24.59	
		$ 4,892.78
Accountant		
Salary	5,830.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	276.96	
Dues, Meetings	93.39	
Binding	59.00	
Miscellaneous	110.00	
		6,369.36
Treasurer		
Salary	1,900.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	503.10	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	67.72	
Telephone	89.90	
Repairs & Equipment, Misc.	60.00	
Assistant Treasurer	1,410.00	
		4,030.72
Collector		
Salary	3,000.00	
Clerical	45.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	648.41	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	38.28	
Telephone	88.72	
Assistant Collector	1,888.00	
		5,708.41

Assessors		
Salary	4,400.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	102.69	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	361.20	
Telephone	34.65	
Updating Maps	500.00	
Copies from Registry	67.68	
Miscellaneous	313.85	
Clerical	1,080.00	
Binding	69.00	
		6,929.07
Board of Appeals		64.07
Clerk		
Salary	2,000.00	
Clerical	203.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	269.42	
Telephone	84.32	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	188.05	
Equipment	638.31	
Miscellaneous	17.75	
Assistant Clerk	1,672.00	
		5,072.85
Election & Registration		
Clerical	375.00	
Registrars	500.00	
Police & Janitors	289.90	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	96.95	
Checkers	446.00	
Miscellaneous	8.00	
Street Listing	620.00	
State Election Workers	658.80	
		2,994.35
Planning Board		
Dues	30.00	
Assessment	619.65	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	398.09	

Clerical	25.00	
Miscellaneous	23.04	
		1,095.78
Town Office		
Salary	4,308.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	585.91	
Advertising	468.50	
Town Reports	1,137.60	
Equipment	261.05	
Dues	198.62	
Repairs	22.73	
Miscellaneous	332.86	
Registry of Deeds	18.18	
Moderator	100.00	
Tree Warden	100.00	
		7,551.45
Conservatiin Commission		15.00
Town Counsel		
Legal Fees, References		1,290.00
Electrical Inspector		649.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department Special		
Dog Track	15,486.00	
Rehoboth Fair	1,544.00	
		17,030.00
North Fire Station		1,317.00
Police Department		
Chief's Salary	8,186.00	
Sergeants' Salary	15,160.64	

Officers' Salary	12,820.94	
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	115.50	
Gas & Oil	1,673.05	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	289.55	
Lock Up Fees	24.00	
Equipment Repairs	4,130.12	
Miscellaneous	495.56	
Clothing Allowance	475.20	
		43,370.56
1970 Police Cruiser		3,760.50
Ambulance		
Drivers	939.25	
Gas & Oil	92.56	
Supplies	14.74	
Repairs & Equipment	147.20	
Linen	28.20	
		1,221.95
Fire Department		
Firemen	8,383.50	
Chief	730.00	
Deputy Chiefs	610.00	
Janitor	325.00	
Gas & Oil	362.85	
Water, Light, Fuel	1,450.43	
Telephone	252.49	
Equipment & Repairs	3,949.27	
Miscellaneous	418.87	
		16,482.41
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00
Dog Officer		964.50
Shade Tree Account		496.20
Brush Control		494.00

Civil Defense

Fuel & Electricity	58.80	
Office Supply	19.83	
Repairs & Equipment	34.04	
Clerical	12.00	
Surplus Property	132.20	
Miscellaneous	14.00	
Salary	600.00	
		870.87

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health

Administration Salaries	2,000.00	
Taunton Nurse	598.75	
Medical Clinic	338.51	
Vital Statistics	199.00	
Animal Inspector	250.00	
Miscellaneous	770.94	
Plumbing Inspector	513.00	
Sanitation Inspector	260.00	
		4,930.20

Care of Town Dumps

Wages	2,460.00	
Maintenance	3,192.00	
Miscellaneous	31.30	
		5,683.30

HIGHWAYS

Street

Salary	29,396.58	
Equipment, Reneals, Material	2,795.08	
Repairs & Supplies	4,364.40	
Lights	39.00	
Traffic Control	588.76	

Snow Removal:		
Equipment	4,911.00	
Material	7,241.21	
Labor	3,365.82	
Miscellaneous	341.78	
Removal of Dead Trees	315.70	
Water, Electric, Fuel	1,131.52	
Telephone	301.53	
Supplies	83.07	
Equipment Repair	167.50	
		55,042.95
Road Machinery		
Gas & Oil	2,385.54	
Parts & Repairs	3,607.80	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
		5,995.34
Chapter 81		
Labor	5,053.60	
Material	10,783.90	
Equipment	6,270.50	
		22,108.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Labor	1,151.40	
Material	3,973.58	
Equipment	1,656.00	
		6,180.98
Chapter 90 Force Account		6,366.59
Center St. Resurfacing		13,326.51
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		
Salary	840.00	
Power	15.40	
Repairs	631.72	
Miscellaneous	48.50	
		1,535.62

Carpenterville Project		1,090.00
Completion of Kirk Terrace		1,828.46
1970 Dump Truck		6,430.00
Gorden's Garage		
Building	35,000.00	
Repairs	2,597.83	
Materials	1,738.74	
		39,336.57
Tremont St. Resurfacing		4,442.17
Maple St. Layout		2,100.00

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS BENEFITS

Veterans Benefits		
Salary	900.00	
Cash	16,851.16	
Nursing Home & Medical	10,198.35	
Miscellaneous	109.30	
		28,058.81

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department		
Administration Salary	7,608.16	
General Salary	8,882.85	
General Expense	7,425.05	
Teachers Salary	344,793.97	
Text Books & Supplies	14,602.01	
Tuition	979.89	
Transportation	40,304.62	
Maintenance of Bldg. & Grds.	15,097.35	

Janitors:		
Salary	27,263.33	
Supplies	2,565.66	
Building Supplies	3.50	
Electric, Gas, Water	4,987.35	
Fuel	6,438.97	
Telephone	515.08	
Repair & Equipment	2,664.21	
Health	2,962.51	
Household Arts	2,515.55	
Industrial Arts	1,157.54	
Car	231.93	
Teacher Aids	9,585.35	
		500,584.88
Cafeteria		
Salary	13,724.10	
Food	23,286.21	
Laundry	164.91	
Pest Control	44.00	
Miscellaneous	97.63	
		37,316.85
Dighton-Rehoboth Reg. District		354,394.25
B-P Reg. Voc. School District		20,537.00
Public Library		
Salary	3,003.00	
Custodian	257.00	
Books	1,931.01	
Electric, Water, Fuel	378.95	
Telephone	91.34	
Assistant	209.60	
Repairs	15.00	
Postage & Supplies	113.05	
Miscellaneous	61.07	
		6,060.02

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Playground & Recreation		
Supervisor	800.00	
Care of Grounds	795.00	
Equipment & Repairs	2,629.83	
Miscellaneous	45.00	
Supplies	234.68	
		4,504.51
State Pension Reimbursement		704.75
Memorial Day Observance		
Flags	24.00	
Flowers	153.00	
		177.00
Christmas Fund—Taunton Greyhound		513.90
Tax Title Account		1,300.00
Civic Center Maintenance		
Electric, Water	48.51	
Fuel	361.51	
		410.02
Veterans' Building Maintenance		600.00
Gasoline Account		4,850.29
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,329.00

CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE

Appropriated		
Boston Mutual Life Insurance	706.13	
OME Standard	881.84	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7,554.48	
		9,210.85

Employee Deduction		
Boston Mutual Life Insurance	696.29	
OME Standard	760.08	
Blue Cross-Blue Sield	7,423.87	
		8,890.19
Receipts for Group Insurance		
Boston Mutual Life Insurance	21.58	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	415.68	
		437.26
Town Insurance		
Vehicles	3,483.31	
Registration of Vehicles	60.59	
Accident: Fire, Police	813.50	
Bonds	389.00	
Workman's Compensation	4,096.93	
Fire	6,970.64	
Safe & Burgulary	572.00	
Boiler & Machines	276.00	
Girl Scout House	519.00	
Property Damage	1,252.00	
		18,432.97
Care of Town Elms		
Spray Elms	259.70	
Removal of Trees	1,769.00	
		2,064.70
State & County Taxes & Assessments		
Bristol County Retirement Asses.	13,163.87	
County Tax Asses.	42,181.34	
Recreation Area	7,233.02	
Auditing	231.88	
Mosquito Control	4,034.97	
Motor Vehicles Bills	483.30	
		67,328.48
Title II Library Funds	555.04	
Title III Library Funds	550.16	
		1,105.20

Communication Center

Salary	14,192.03	
Telephone	832.30	
Supplies	1,437.45	
		16,461.78

AGENCY & TRUST & REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

Agency Accounts

County Retirement	8,987.61	
Federal Tax	78,523.60	
State Tax	16,200.61	
Teachers Retirement	16,815.68	
Washington Insurance	908.84	
Sale of Dogs	54.00	
Dog Licenses	1,315.00	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	6,010.00	
Trust Funds:		
Charles Chase	30.00	
		128,845.34

Refunds

1969 Motor Vehicle	855.33	
1970 Motor Vehicle	2,171.94	
1969 Real Estate	46.80	
1970 Real Estate	1,354.60	
		4,428.67

INTEREST & MATURING DEBT

Elementary School Bonds

Bonds	20,000.00	
Interest	880.00	
		20,880.00

Tax Anticipation Loan	400,000.00
Interest on Revenue Loan	7,794.26

ENTERPRISE & CEMETERIES

Cemeteries—Perpetual Care	669.22
Total Expenditures	1,949,205.79
Transfers Within Accounts	4,745.93
Total Cash Expenditures	1,953,951.72
Cash Balance December 31, 1970	208,375.06
	$2,162,326.78

SCHEDULE #4

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT 1970

	Balance 1/1/70	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/70
Selectmen		$4,900.00		$4,900.00	$4,892.78	$7.22	
Town Accountant		5,870.00	$499.35	6,369.35	6,369.35		
Treasurer		4,490.00		4,490.00	4,030.72	459.28	
Collector		6,458.00		6,458.00	5,708.41	749.59	
Assessors		7,180.00		7,180.00	6,929.07	250.93	
Finance Committee		30.00		30.00		30.00	
Clerk		5,322.00		5,322.00	5,072.85	249.15	
Election & Registration		3,720.00		3,740.00	2,994.35	745.65	
Planning Board		1,799.65		1,799.65	1,095.78	703.87	
Board of Appeals		200.00		200.00	64.07	135.93	
Town Office		7,566.00		7,566.00	7,557.45	8.55	
Conservation Commission		200.00		200.00	15.00	185.00	
Industrial Commission		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Town Counsel		4,000.00		4,000.00	1,290.00	2,710.00	
Police Department		43,482.00	2,747.00	46,229.00	43,370.56	2,858.44	
Police Special—Dog Track		15,486.00		15,486.00	15,486.00		
Police Special—Rehoboth Fair		1,544.00		1,544.00	1,544.00		
Ambulance		1,125.00	200.00	1,325.00	1,221.95	103.05	
Fire		16,388.60	326.10	16,714.70	16,558.41	156.29	
North Dighton Fire Station		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,317.00		1,683.00
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00		1,740.00	1,740.00		

	Balance 1/1/70	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/70
Insect Pest Control		542.01		542.01	542.01		
Shade Tree Account		500.00		500.00	496.20	3.80	
Care of Town Elms		2,000.00	64.70	2,064.70	2,064.70		
Town Forest	$ 750.00			750.00			750.00
Civil Defense		1,750.00	87.00	1,837.00	870.87	966.13	
Dog Officer		900.00	64.50	964.50	964.50		
Electrical Inspector		1,000.00		1,000.00	649.00	351.00	
Communication Center		16,650.00	1,200.00	17,850.00	16,461.78		1,388.22
1970 Police Cruiser		4,000.00	1,110.50	5,110.50	3,760.50		1,350.00
1970 Fire Truck		28,495.00		28,495.00			28,495.00
Board of Health		5,800.00		5,800.00	4,930.20	869.80	
Care of Town Dumps		4,184.00	1,700.00	5,884.00	5,683.30	200.70	
South Dighton Dump	4,000.00			4,000.00			4,000.00
Mosquito Control		250.00		250.00	250.00		
Sewerage Needs	7,500.00			7,500.00			7,500.00
Tax Title Account		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		
Street Department		46,700.00	8,403.19	55,103.19	55,045.95	57.24	
Road Machinery		5,000.00	1,200.00	6,200.00	5,995.34	204.66	
Chapter 81		22,100.00	8.00	22,108.00	22,112.81		
Chapter 90—Maintenance	310.79	6,000.00	3,089.21	9,400.00	12,489.21		
Chapter 90—Construction	2,422.02	6,200.00	10,815.08	19,437.10	6,547.57		12,889.53
Brush Control		600.00		600.00	494.00	106.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,329.00	171.00	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		1,200.00	335.62	1,535.62	1,535.62		
Christmas Fund—Greyhound Ass'n	13.90	500.00		513.90	513.90		

	Balance 1/1/70	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/70
Maple Street—Layout		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,100.00		2,900.00
Williams Street—Third Phase	3,359.80	3,000.00		6,359.00	3,000.00		3,359.80
1970 Dump Truck		7,300.00		7,300.00	6,430.00		870.00
Carpenterville Project		5.000.00		5,000.00	1,090.00		3,910.00
Veterans Benefits		35,000.00		35,000.00	28,058.81	6,941.19	
Gordon's Garage		40,000.00		40,000.00	39,336.57		663.43
Kirk Terrace		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,828.46		1,171.54
Kirk Terrace—Phose II		2,000.00		2,000.00			2,000.00
Tremont Street—Improvement		4,442.17		4,442.17	4,442.17		
School		500,695.00	6.00	500,701.00	500,584.88	116.12	
Center Street Resurfacing		13,326.51	13,326.69	26,653.20	13,326.69	13,326.51	
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		354,394:25		354,394.25	354,394.25		
School Needs Study	10,000.00			10,000.00			10,000.00
Public Library		6,130.57		6,130.57	6,060.23	70.34	
Bristol-Plymouth Tech. Voc. School		10,747.44	9,789.56	20,537.00	20,537.00		
Playground & Recreation		4,470.00		4,470.00	4,504.51		
Memorial Day Observance		200.00		200.00	177.00	23.00	
Civic Center Maintenance		600.00		600.00	410.02	189.98	
Reserve Account Appropriated		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,383.40	116.60	
Conservation Fund	92.50			92.50			92.50
Town Insurance		15,784.62	2,648.35	18,432.97	18,432.97		
Contrib. Grp. Ins. Appropriated		10,000.00		10,000.00	9,210.85	789.15	
Veterans' Building Maintenance		600.00		600.00	600.00		
Cemeteries Public Broperty		650.00		650.00		650.00	
Elementary School Bonds		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		

	Balance 1/1/70	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/70
Interest on Elem. School Bonds		880.00		880.00	880.00		
Interest on Revenue Loan		7,794.20		7,794.20	7,794.20		
Ch. 786 Acts 1969		4,442.17		4,442.17	4,442.17		
County Retirement		8,987.61		8,987.61	8,987.61		
Federal Tax		78,523.60		78,523.60	78,523.60		
State Tax		16,200.61		16,200.61	16,200.61		
Mass. Teachers' Retirement		16,815.68		16,815.68	16,815.68		
Washington National Insurance		918.52		918.52	918.52		
Receipts for Group Insurance		431.34		431.34	437.26		5.92
Employees Group Insurance Deductions		9,024.99		9,024.99	8,901.33		123.66
Proceeds—Sale of Dogs		54.00		54.00	54.00		
Proceeds—Dog Licenses		1,332.00		1,332.00	1,315.00		17.00
Tax Anticipation Loan		400,000.00		400,000.00	400,000.00		
Tax Sheltered Annuity		6,010.00		6,010.00	6,010.00		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Funds		11,880.37	1,078.49	12,958.86	1,096.44		11,862.42
Charles S. Chace Trust Fund		1,193.68	104.89	1,297.97	60.00		1,237.97
Dog Fund from County		882.36		882.36	882.36		
Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund		6,320.13	531.98	6,852.11	420.00		6,432.11
Stabilization Fund		5,490.00	112,450.37	117,940.94	5,490.57		112,450.37

SCHEDULE #5

ANALYSIS OF EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY SURPLUS REVENUE

1970

Balance January 1, 1970	$108,106.19
Amount added during year 1970	54,300.72
	$162,406.91
Amounts deducted during the year 1970	85,571.21
	$ 76,835.70
1970 Revenue	20,054.87
December 31, 1970 Balance	$ 96,890.57

SCHEDULE #6

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1970

Elementary School Building	Outstanding 1/1/70	Rate of Interest	Year of Liquidation	Paid Out 1970	Amount Due 1971
General Debt within statutory debt limit	12,000.00	2.20	1971	6,000.00	6,000.00
General Debt outside statutory debt limit	28,000.00	2.20	1971	14,000.00	14,000.00

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Dighton for the period from March 23, 1967, the date of the previous examination, to June 13, 1970, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts kept by the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, while the disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the records of payments by the treasurer. The appropriations and transfers as entered on the ledgers were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by town meetings and with the finance committee's records of transfers from the reserve fund. The accountant's ledgers were analyzed, the necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on June 13, 1970 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts in the town treasurer's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the several departmental records of payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which the town received money, and with the accountant's ledgers, while the

recorded payments were checked with the approved warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash book was footed throughout for the period of the audit, and the cash balance on June 13, 1970 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments made for maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The investments were listed, the income was proved, and all transactions were verified and compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal and State taxes, the retirement funds, group insurance, and school employees' annuities were examined and checked in detail. The amounts withheld were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts and the payments to the proper agencies were verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The additions to the tax title account were compared with the books of the tax collector, while the redemptions and sales were compared with the entries in the treasurer's cash book. The disclaimers were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and proved with the controls in the accountant's ledger and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes and excise recommitted at the time of the last audit, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited. The commitments were proved with the assessors' warrants, the collections were checked with the receipts as recorded by the town treasurer and the town

accountant, the abatements were proved with the records of the assessors, the tax title transfers were compared with the records of the town treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the balances appearing on the controls of the town accountant.

The records of accounts receivable were examined and checked. The charges were proved, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

Verification of the outstanding tax and motor vehicle excise accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the police, school, and library departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked, the payments to the State and to the town treasurer being verified.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials required by law to furnish such surety for the faithful performance of their dutuies were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the payroll deduction, tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. McGILL,
Assistant Chief of Bureau

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1970

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant Street, Dighton	1972
Mrs. Louise Staples, Secretary 543 Center Street, North Dighton	1972
Wallace A. Wood, Financial Secretary 1392 Pine Street, North Dighton	1971
Kenneth W. Cummings Rebecca Road, North Dighton	1971
Maynard F. Horton, Jr. 251 Walker Street, North Dighton	1973
Wilfred A. Rhines 316 Main Street, Dighton	1971
Nicholas Santore Rebecca Road, North Dighton	1973

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed.M.
Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton
Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton
Telephone: (Office) 252-4500
(Home) 822-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by appointment.

BUSINESS ASSISTANT

James P. Horton

SECRETARIES

Gladys P. Babbitt
Nancy J. Goulart

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against smallpox, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary and Junior High Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Tauunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River, also WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee

1970 - 1971

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School Opens September 9, 1970 Closes December 23, 1970	71 days
School Opens January 4, 1971 Closes February 12, 1971	30days
School Opens February 22, 1971 Closes April 16, 1971	39 days
School Opens April 26, 1971 Closes June ....., 1971	40 days
Total	180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 12, 1970—Columbus Day

November 4, 1970—Teachers' Convention

November 11, 1970—Veteran's Day

November 26 & 27, 1970—Thanksgiving Recess

February 15, 1971—Holiday celebrating Washington's Birthday

April 9, 1971—Good Friday

May 31, 1971—Holiday celebrating Memorial Day

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$500,695.00

Expenditures

General Control	$ 31,026.85	
Transportation	41,190.37	
Teachers' Salaries	346,021.17	
Books	7,280.94	
Supplies	7,320.88	
Janitors' Salaries	25,273.28	
Fuel	6,349.79	
Electricity	4,297.25	
Gas	369.17	
Music	860.76	
Janitors' Supplies	2,503.66	
Miscellaneous	527.72	
Repairs	16,684.86	
Health	4,185.54	
New Equipment	4,652.74	
Household Arts	176.59	
Industrial Arts	890.42	
Tuition—Day & Evening	966.89	
		$500,578.88
Returned to Town		116.12
Net Cost to Town		500,695.00

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1970		$500,578.88
Receipts, 1970		
General State Aid, Chapter 70	$131,844.22	
Transportation	24,557.38	
Special Education, Chapters 69 & 71	7,669.00	
State Wards:		
Tuition & Transportation	1,706.30	
Vocational Education	335.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	409.65	
		$166,521.55
Returned to Town		116.12
Net Cost to Town		$333,941.21

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the principals, the music supervisors and the school nurse.

Personnel

Three members of the faculty at Dighton Elementary School retired during 1970. In June, Mrs. Dorothy Bagley and Mrs. Mary Fleming announced their retirement. Mrs. Bagley had taught in Dighton for twenty-two years and started many first graders on the road through the Dighton Schools. Mrs. Fleming had taught ten years in Dighton and many more years in Freetown and Fall River. On December 17, Mrs. Jessie Bradley retired as a first grade teacher. She had taught in Dighton for sixteen years.

Other elementary teachers who left during 1970 were Mr. Michael Larivee, who accepted a position in his home town of Gloucester and his replacement, Mr. Alvin Boyer, who accepted a position with the federal government.

With Miss Judith Higgins accepting a position as special education teacher, it was necessary to replace three first grade teachers. Mrs. Marilyn Bamberger, who formerly taught in Warren, Rhode Island, replaced Mrs. Bagley. Miss Carol DeCastro, who taught in Taunton last year replaced Miss Higgins and Miss Karen Vatcher, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, took over for Mrs. Bradley. Mrs. Rosemary Moreau is the new third grade teacher. She formerly taught in Boston. Miss June Lange, a graduate of Southern Connecticut University replaced Mrs. Joan Behmke in grade five. Mrs. Behmke moved to Rhode Island. Miss Donna Gay, also a graduate of Southern Connecticut University, replaced Mr. Boyer as fifth grade teacher.

At the junior high school, seven teachers left for various reasons. Mr. Frederick Friedberg and Mrs. Alice Friedberg

moved to Brockton. Mrs. Jacqueline Booth, art teacher, and Miss Kaaren Harrington, girl's physical education teacher accepted positions in Mansfield, Mass. Miss Lois Dooley accepted a position at Dighton-Rehoboth while Mrs. Estelle Dow and Mrs. Pamela Dumas resigned to seek other positions.

Miss Claudia Backlund, who taught at Dighton-Rehoboth and Miss E. Shurly Dickson, who taught at Cuttyhunk, were hired as English teachers. Mr. James Chown, a graduate of Barrington College, was hired to teach social studies. Mr. Frederick Stinson, who taught in Lynn, and Mr. Harold Gill from Barrington College are the new science teachers. Mr. Richard Carney, who taught art in Providence, is the new art teacher. Miss Elizabeth Meunier, a graduate of Bridgewater, is the new physical education teacher. Mr. Everett Carr has been hired as part-time teacher and teacher aide.

I feel that we have been able to hire some good replacements due to the fact that our salary schedule is competitive in tihs area and also there are more candidates available at this time.

Special Education

Due to lack of space in Dighton and Berkley, the special classes have been moved to Rehoboth. The trainable and primary educable groups are located at Palmer River School. The intermediate and junior high educable groups are located in the Dorothy L. Beckwith School. The cost of operating the classes is shared on a prorated basis and Berkley and Dighton share the cost of transporting their pupils to Rehoboth. This is a temporary measure but is done to allow us to provide special education at the various age levels.

Enrollment

The enrollment in grades one through eight still continues to increase at the rate of about one-half a classroom per year. Each half classroom is one that we do not have at this time. We are still told to expect further increase due to predicted housing developments. Such increase will mean a definite need for more classrooms.

School Plant

The usual summer repairs were accomplished and a new roof in the gym area of the junior high school along with new doors on the shop represent the major repairs.

Our plants are filled to capacity and there is a great need for more space. It is our hope that during 1971 plans and financing for new space will be provided.

Duruing the 1970 school year, two custodians left, one to accept a position elsewhere and one because of poor health. Mr. Edward Torres replaced Mr. Julian Hayden at the elementary school and Mr. Edward Bettencourt replaced Mr. Manuel Mello at the junior high school. Both of these men along with Mr. George Perry and Mr. John White are doing a good job keeping our schools in good shape.

Program

Along with the aforementioned changes in special education, we are also attempting to provide a program for the perceptually handicapped and some help for the emotionally disturbed child. Mrs. Janet M. Ryan, who has had a great deal of experience in New Hampshire and Massachusetts teaching the handicapped, is working with perceptually handicapped children.

The continuous progress program at the elementary school is working out quite well. We have been able to provide help by means of a transition teacher at certain levels. Mrs. Helen Lane is doing very well in this area.

At the junior high school, we are still working on improving our curriculum but as I stated last year, we need more and better facilities to institute many recommended improvements.

Budget

The budget for 1971 shows an increase of $49,845.00 over 1970. Teachers' salaries continue to show the largest increase. Of the $34,000.00 increase in instruction, $10,000.00

represents new teachers hired in September and $24,000.00 represents increases in salaries due to a new salary schedule. Other increases are $4,000.00 in other school services due to increased transportation and health services; $4,000.00 in maintenance of plant due to increase in fuel oil prices and janitors' salary increases. The total increase is 9.05% which is one of the lowest in the area.

Cafeteria

In December, Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt retired as cafeteria manager after eighteen years service in the position. We wish her a long and happy retirement. Mrs. Grace French was hired as Mrs. Bettencourt's successor. We received an increase in reimbursement this year from nine cents per meal to twelve cents per meal. This has helped us to keep the price at 25¢ per child for lunches.

With continued aid in the way of reimbursement and commodities, we hope we can continue to serve a balanced meal to all who want them.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank Dr. Rose Borges and Mr. Leo Wontkowski, principals, for the fine support they are giving the school program. I would like to thank Miss Dorothy Beckwith, Elementary Supervisor, for all the work she has done to improve the elementary programs such as reading and arithmetic.

I wish to thank the School Committee for their interest and support. They have shown great interest in the school program and offered many valuable suggestions.

I would ask all citizens to continue their support of our program and help us to acquire very much needed facilities. Remember, these facilities are used by your children for their education, a very important asset to them.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as Principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment:

Our present enrollment is 315 students, an increase of 12 students above last year's enrollment.

Curriculum and School Program:

We have increased the number of periods allotted to science, social studies, art, and music. The school now has full-time supervision in the operation of our library, and Mrs. Dupont, who handles this assignment ably, also assists teachers in the preparation of teaching materials. Extra help for students is available during stuudy periods. That assistance may be general or directed help which is assigned by teachers.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

In addition to the programs operating in the past, teachers are voluntarily in various other areas. For example, Mrs. Eunisa Wordell conducts a mini-course in conversational French. Mr. Frederick Stinson and Mr. Everett Carr conduct a session on contemporary music.

Personnel:

Our staff consists of 14 full-time teachers, 5 part-time teachers, 2 full-time teacher aides, and 1 part-time teacher-aide. New staff members include Mrs. Richard Carney, art; Mr. Frederick Stinson, science; Miss Claudia Backlund, English; Mr. Harold Gill, science; Miss E. Shurly Dickson, English; Mr. James Chown, social studies; Miss Elizabeth Meunier, girls physical education; Mr. Everett Carr, part-time math; Mr. Lester Silva, instrumental music.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank Mr. Roy for taking time to offer assistance.

My thanks to Dr. Borges for her generous cooperation with our activity program.

To the entire staff of the Junior High, thank you for your efforts to provide a good educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,
Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I herewith respectfully submit my eleventh annual report as Supervising Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment:

Our enrollment as of December 1st was 501. This year we have 3 classrooms for students of grades one, two, three and four classrooms for students of grades four and five plus a transition classroom. The need for additional classrooms space is a major problem which is the responsibility of the parents in our community.

Curriculum:

The summer kindergarden program was conducted for the third consecutive year under the direction of Miss Dorothy Beckwith, our Elementary Supervisor. The program is most beneficial because it provides student evaluation records used by the administration in the placement of students in Grade One. This makes it possible to place students who need extra help in one classroom. A teacher-aide works part time in this room under the direct supervision of the teacher. Strange as it may seem all students at the age of six are not ready for school.

We are continuing the instructional reading program in Grades I, II, and III using levels from Pre-Reading thru Level II.

The curriculum in Grades IV, and V is divided into four levels for reading and math. In the specialized fields of English, Science, Geography and History the subjects are taught by the homeroom teacher who has a particular knowledge of the subject being taught.

A new report card incooperating the level system was used for the first time this fall in all grades. Parents wishing clarification of the new cards may contact any teacher or the principal for this information.

The art program, by Mrs. Dolores Johnson, is progressing extremely well in spite of the fact that we lack a much needed art room. Many new skills and a variety of different media has been well received by the students. Since the classes are larger with a limited time schedule this presents limitation on both the teacher and the creativity of our children. Regardless of the above the response by the children and the results of this program are tremendous.

A weekly physical education program is conducted by Miss Elizabeth Meunier, Mrs. Carol Angus and Mr. John Masciarelli. Each instructor has been assigned to specific classes.

Teacher aides working on a part time basis are assigned non-teaching duties formerly performed by teachers. This gives teachers more time to devote to the art of teaching.

This year the program to assist perceptually handicapped children is being conducted by Mrs. Janet M. Ryan who tutors children with visual-motor-perceptual problems on a daily basis. Consultations are held with classroom teachers to identify the needs of these children. Classroom activities are also co-ordinated with the tutorial sessions. Parents are encouraged to become involved by visits to the school for parent-teacher conferences.

Extra Curricula Activities:

1 American Education Week—Open House and Tea
2 Parent-Teacher Conferences—Evening Sessions
3 Halloween Parade and Program
4 National School Lunch Week
5 Room Mothers—Social Activities
6 School Band—Grades IV and V
7 Grade V Choir
8 Annual Spring Festival—"Circus Time"

9 Annual Christmas Festival—"Christmas in Story and Song"
10 Several Class Trips
11 Teacher-Parent Conferences—2 half days in January

Cafeteria:

A wholesome appetizing type "A" lunch is provided for both the Dighton Elementary and the Dighton Junior High School students by our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt and her assistants. The program has been extended to include hot lunches for all children who are eligible to receive free lunches.

Maintenance:

Our custodial staff continues to maintain a high degree of efficiency in the running of the school facility. Mr. George Perry, head custodian, and Mr. Edward Torres, his new assistant, make a fine team.

Appreciation:

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Robert T. Roy, the Dighton School Committee, my faculty, all building personnel, students, parents and friends for their kind assistance. Co-operation from all individuals involved in the educational process of our commuunity is necessary to produce the best climate for the development of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROSE BORGES,
Supervising Principal

ELEMENTARY VOCAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I herewith submit my annual report as Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor.

Until the closing of school in June weekly visits were made to all elementary classrooms with the exception of the fifth grades who had to be scheduled on a bi-weekly basis. In September, an additional day was added to the vocal music schedule which enabled all classes to have a weekly visit. In addition to the weekly classroom visit, all fourth and fifth grades have an additional period per week of choral preparation. A varied program of musical activities is carried on in the classroom with the assistance and cooperation of the classroom teachers. The purchase of two record players was a much needed addition to the music equipment available for classroom use.

In October an outstanding musical experience was provided all fourth and fifth grade students; namely, the opportunity to visit Wheaton College to hear a live chamber music program given by the Wheaton College Trio. Such an experience contributes greatly to the musical development of our children.

The elementary choir, a selective group of fifth-grade studuents who display not only the ability to sing but also the interest and desire to participate in this performing organization, met once weekly for rehearsals in preparation for the annual school programs. All children in grades one through four had an opportunity to participate in one of the two annual programs, "Circus Time" in May and "Christmas in Story and Song" in December, both of which were presented at the Dighton-Rehogoth Regional High School. In addition to the school programs, the elementary

choir gave a concert for the students of the North Pembroke Elementary School which was followed by a picnic lunch and a visit to Plymouth's National Wax Museum.

I enthusiastically look forward to another successful year in the vocal music area of the Dighton Elementary School's curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA L. WALLACE,
Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools
P.O. North Dighton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Roy:

During the past year, many significant changes have been made in the Dighton Schools. I feel strongly, that with each change made we have made music a more meaningful experience for our school children.

We now employ Mrs. Carolyn Nowell a full five days at the Junior High School. This increase of one day has enabled us to schedule each music class a minimum of twice weekly. All music classes now meet in the cafeteria so that Mrs. Nowell is now able to keep all classroom teaching aids in one location. It is interesting to note, that now our vocal music presentation at the Junior High School exceeds the minimum requirements for classroom music, as outlined by the State Department of Education.

With the cooperation of the Junior High custodians, the music storage area on the second floor has been converted for use as a music studio. The room is now in use four full days each week, for group music lessons.

When school opened this past September, we added Mr. Lester Silva of our Rehoboth faculty to the staff at the Junior High School. The addition of Mr. Silva, has enabled us to departmentalize our instrumental teaching, thereby insuring that each child will receive instruction from a specialist on each instrument.

At the Elementary School, we now employ Mrs. Wallace for three full days. This increase is a step in the right direction. However, to fully utilize Mrs. Wallace's unique talents as a music specialist, we must increase by one day her present teaching load.

I point with pride to our teaching staff. Both Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Nowell in the vocal area, and Mr. Polk and Mr. Silva in the instrumental section bring to their jobs a dedication and enthusiasm that is most uncommon today.

As in the past, we have continued to purchase new texts, music, teaching materials, instruments, and equipment, while at the same time have continued our program of maintaining the present inventory. By refurbishing our older equipment, and trading for new those instruments that are no longer serviceable, we continue to receive maximum value for our investment.

We still, as in the past are solely pressed for space. I am looking forward to the day when the space problem is solved, to broadening our offerings, thereby reaching more of our school children.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. WATSON,
Director

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I hereby submit my annual report as School Nurse for the Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools for the 1969 - 1970 school year.

Visual Tests:

820 students in both schools were tested by Titmus Optical Tester. 57 students failed this test. 57 were seen by eye specialists.

Audio Tests:

820 students in both schools were tested for hearing accuracy by Maico Audiometer. 12 students failed this test. 11 were seen by an ear specialist.

Physical Examinations:

Grades 1, 4, and Special Education.

220 students in the above grades were given physical examinations by Dr. Charles Souza, School Physician. 58 students were referred to their own physicians for further evaluation. 16 referrals were completed.

Grade 7 and Athletic Physicals:

108 students were examined. 15 were referred for further evaluation. 3 of these referrals were completed.

Sick Calls:

Elementary School:

Approximately 935 visits were made to the Health Room at the Elementary School. 70 students were dismissed to a parent or guardian's care; 4 were sent to their own physician and 4 were transported to the hospital.

Junior High School:

110 students reported to me because of sickness or injury. 16 were sent home, 3 went to see their own doctor, and 3 were transported to Morton Hospital.

Immunization:

The Dighton Board of Health and the School Department offer a complete immunization program to all Dighton children each year.

The results of the school program for this year follows:

Tuberculin Testing Program:

10/9/69—Heaf Test—247 students in Grades 1, 4 and 7 and Personnel were tested.
3 tests were positive.

11/3/69—Mantou Tests—3: 2 positive and 1 negative.

11/12/69—Chest Plates—Lakeville Hospital—2: Both negative.

There are no cases of tuberculosis in our schools at this time.

German Measles Clinic:

German Measles Vaccine was made available to the towns and cities in the State for the first time this year. Since this is a new vaccine and the supply was limited it was available for children from kindergarten through Grade 3 only.

11/14/69—240 children received immunization.

Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Mumps, Measles, Smallpox and Polio Clinics:

3/13/70—83 D. T. Boosters in Grades 1 and 6.
8 Sabin Polio Boosters.
6 Measles Vaccine.

4/10/70— 3 D. T. Boosters at the Elementary School
67 at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High
19 Mumps Vaccine at the Elementary and Junior High Schools.

5/8/70— 7 D. T. Boosters at the Elementary School.
16 Sabin Polio Boosters at the Elementary School.

Pre-school children were offered all necessary immunization for first grade registration.

Mr. Roy, to you, Dr. Borges, Mr. Wontkowski, Dr. Souza and the personnel of both schools, my thanks for your continued interest in and support of the school health program.

To the parents of all the children my sincere gratitude for your tremendous response to all of our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1970

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Spec. Class	Total
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal							
Teachers:							
Marilyn Bamberger	34						34
Carol DeCastro	31						31
Karen Vatcher	34						34
Linda Carter		29					29
Carolyn Melesky		30					30
Helen Lane		20					20
Cheryl Szostek		27					27
Nancy Durfee			28				28
Sherry Tibbetts			28				28
Rosemary Moreau			28				28
Mary DeMello				23			23
Lena Cowell				25			25
Joan LaFrance				25			25
Helena Chamberlain				25			25
Stella Horrocks					20		20
Helen Turner					30		30
June Lange					30		30
Donna Gay					30		30
In Rehoboth						15	15
Total Elementary School	99	106	84	98	110	15	512

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total
Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal				
Teachers:				
Frederick Stinson	27			27
Richard Carney	27			27
Claudia Backlund	26			26
Harold Gill	27			27
E. Shurly Dickson		26		26
John Needs		27		27
James Chown		28		28
Paul Doherty		27		27
Eunisa Wordell			33	33
Raymond Medeiros			33	33
Elizabeth Davis			34	34
Total Junior High School	107	108	100	315

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1970

	AGE											
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
1	23	75	1									99
2		14	82	8	2							106
3			10	66	5	3						84
4				22	63	13						98
5					18	75	16	1				110
6					1	16	75	14	1			107
7							14	74	18	2		108
8								11	80	9		100
Sp. Ed.	1		2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1		15
Total	24	89	95	100	92	108	106	101	100	12		827

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1970

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	2520 Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
Marilyn C. Bamberger, B.A.	1 Alfred Drive, Barrington	University of R.I.	1970
Linda Carter, B.S.	266 County St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1969
Helena Chamberlain	1075 Middle St., N. Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Lena W. Cowell, M.Ed.	198 Bourn Ave., Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Carol L. DeCastro, B.A.	498 Tremont St., Taunton	Southeastern Mass. Univ.	1970
Mary M. DeMello, B.S.	1928 County St., Dighton	Lowell State Teachers' Col.	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Murray State College	1962
Donna Lee Gay, B.S.	342 O'Neil Blvd., Attleboro	So. Connecticut State Col.	1970
Stella M. Horrocks. B.S.	1159 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State Col.	1964
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Mill St., Assonet	Salve Regina College	1965
Joan LaFrance, B.S.	488 Spring St., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1963
Helen M. Lane, B.S.	1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	New Britain Teachers' Col.	1968
June Lange, B.S.	342 O'Neil Blvd., Attleboro	South. Connecticut State Col.	1970
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.	Box 180, East Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1966
Rosemary C. Moreau, B.S.	12 Beacon St., Taunton	Boston State College	1970
Cheryl Szostek, B.A.	34 Mary Ave., E. Providence	Anna Maria College	1970
Sherry I. Tibbetts, B.A.	28 W. Britannia St., Taunton	University of Massachusetts	1969
Helen C. Turner	538 School St., N. Dighton	Framingham Normal	1946
Karen Vatcher, B.A.	Williams St., Rehoboth	University of Massachusetts	1970

Dighton Junior High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	992 West St., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty			
Claudia Backlund, A.B.	County St., Rehoboth	Stonehill College	1970
Richard C. Carney, B.A.	10 E. Britannia St., Taunton	Pembroke State College	1970
James F. Chown, B.A.	119 County St., Fall River	Barrington College	1970
Elizabeth Cummings	525 Main St., Dighton	Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design	1970
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	44 Algonquin Rd., Rumford	Rhode Island College	1968
E. Shurly Dickson, B.A.	2158 Water St., Dighton	Greenfield College	1970
Paul F. Doherty, M.Ed.	756 South St., Bridgewater	Boston University	1968
Harold W. Gill, Jr., B.A.	1006 Fall River Ave., Seekonk	Barrington College	1970
Raymond J. Medeiros, A.B.	100 Tremont St., Taunton	Providence College	1969
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South St., Taunton	University of Massachusetts	1967
Wallace R. Rotts,	32 Herod St., Cranston	Rhode Island College	1966
Frederick B. Stinson, B.S.	38 N. County St., E. Providence	Bridgewater State College	1970
Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963
	Elementary Supervisor		
Dorothy L. Beckwith, M.Ed.	Broad St., Rehoboth	Boston University	1962
	Elementary Music Supervisor		
Vocal			
Barbara L. Wallace, B.M.	Elm St., R.D. #1, Taunton	Boston University	1966
Instrumental			
David L. Watson, B.M.	P.O. Box 23, Segreganset	Boston University	1963

Special Educational Services

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Director			
Russell F. Latham, M.Ed.	Williams St., Rehoboth	Bridgewater State College	1965
	Part Time Instructors		
Everett Carr, Jr.	250 Main St., Dighton	S. M. U.	1970
June Fitzpatrick, B.S.	4 Couch St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1970
John Masciarelli, B.A.	372 Main St., Dighton	Boston University	1966
Elizabeth J. Meunier, B.S.	Rear 65 First St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1970
Peter P. Polk, B.A.	113 Freeman St., Norton	University of Maine	1969
Carolyn E. Newell, B.E.	Ned's Point Rd., Mattapoisett	Boston University	1969
	Elementary Secretary		
Barbara L. Ashcroft	713 Spring St., N. Dighton		
	Junior High Secretary		
Marion Parchesco	1224 Main St., Dighton		
	Teacher Aides		
Eleanor Dupont	2447 County St., Dighton		
Della Hathaway	463 Hart St., Dighton		
Alma M. McCutcheon	240 Rose Terrace, N. Dighton		
Mary Perry	1433 Pine St., N. Dighton		
Virginia Peterson	Cedar St., Dighton		
Dorothy Torres	227 Summer St., N. Dighton		

Cafeteria Personnel

Name	Home Address
Alfrena Bettencourt, Manager	636 School St., N. Dighton
Grace E. French	815 Center St., N. Dighton
Louise G. Gomes	365 Lincoln Ave., N. Dighton
Constance Louis	2091 Cedar St., Dighton
Lois B. Pacheco	507 Brook St., Dighton
Thelma Pierce	251 Main St., Dighton
Mary F. Weekley	Box 34, Dighton

Custodians

Edward Bettencourt	2117 County St., Dighton
George Perry	469 Lincoln Ave., N. Dighton
Edward Torres	306 Tremont St., N. Dighton
John White	670 Main St., Dighton

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the eleventh annual report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Enrollment

When school opened in September our enrollment exceeded 1,000 pupils for the first time in our history. This increase makes it difficult to operate a program where pupils are grouped by ability as there is a lack of classrooms. The subcommittees that were studying the enrollment and space problem last year reported in the spring of 1970. The Regional District School Committee is working on plans to implement their findings as far as space is concerned. Their recommendations included expansion of shop areas, the science area and an increase in the media center. Their report also recommended that the several possibilities of using Berkley receipts to secure more space be thoroughly investigated.

Finances

The gross increase in the 1971 budget over the 1970 budget is $127,632.00. Tre net increase is $96,132.00 a 12.3% increase. Since instruction represents 65% of the budget and teacher salaries is 75% of instruction the largest increase is in the area o fsalaries or $65,000.00. This represents an increase of two teachers and an increase in the salary schedule from $6,500. minimum and a $9,800. maximum to a $7,000. minimum and a $10,600. maximum. The Operation and Maintenance Account has increased due to a 10% increase in custodian salaries and a 100% increase in the cost of fuel oil. The latter represents an increase of $6,300.00. The acquisition of equipment account is up $10,000.00 to provide for increased enrollment in the science and shop areas primarily.

We continue to receive Federal Aid in the areas of library books and science material. Vocational education and special education are reimbursed by 50% of the amount expended. We receive 100% of the home to school transportation cost.

The largest receipt is of course the tuition on Berkley students which was $975.00 per pupil for 1970.

Faculty

In June fourteen of our faculty members left for various reasons. Two teachers left to accept positions in colleges, four accepted positions in other high schools, two accepted positins below high school. The remaining teachers left to go to school or be at home.

Mrs. Isabel Burgmann retired as a business education teacher. Mrs. Burgmann had been with us since the Regional School opened and had taught in Dighton some time previous to that time. We are sorry to lose a teacher of her ability but we thank her for her excellent service to her pupils and wish her a long and happy retirement. We hired three new business education teachers. Mr. Edward Tartufo came to us from a position in Franklin High School. He is also an assistant football coach. Mrs. Mary Carter is a recent graduate of Bryant College and Miss Theresa Martin had previous experience in business. Of the five new English teachers two have had previous experience in Belmont, Mass. and in Dighton. The three new teachers are graduates of Syracuse University, Alleghany College and State College at Bridgewater. They offer a varied background of educational experiences which helps our English Department.

Three new science teacher replacements were hired. Mr. Joseph Drapeau previously taught in Fairhaven and New Bedford. Mr. David Harwood, a former Dighton-Rehoboth graduate, had taught at Southeastern Massachusetts University. Miss Jean Tennant had been active in research at Brown University.

We were able to secure an experienced teacher for social studies. Mr. Paul Giannakoulis had taught in Belmont and Miss Janet Kirkpatrick taught in a private school in Connecticut.

The teacher shortage has eased quite a bit and there seems to be more good candidates available this year. Mathematics and science teachers are still difficult to find.

Curriculum

The extent to which our curriculum may be expanded and improved is in direct proportion to the space available. By converting regular classrooms to science rooms we have been able to increase our offerings in the science area. Earth science is offered to pupils as an additional subject. To provide space for classes formerly held in the new science area the home economics area has been divided into three classrooms. One large room is used for home economics while the other areas are used for various subjects. The large room designed for public speaking is now divided into two classrooms. We anticipate more divided rooms to take care of enrollment and program.

At the present time we are accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. We are due for an evaluation by that organization in 1972. We will probably receive approval for our program offering, but unless the space problem is improved we could very likely receive provisional accreditation for a limited time. It is our hope that some improvement will be underway by 1972.

With various State and National studies of Vocational and Occupational education, there seems to be present a possibility of increasing and improving our offerings in the vocational area. The Committee has met with Associate Commissioner Buzzell concerning the expansion of the curriculum and he made several very helpful suggestions to them.

Conclusion

In conclusion I would like to recognize the following people for their efforts to keep our school among the best in Massachusetts:

Mr. Joseph Harrington Principal and Mr. Marshall Sawyer, Assistant Principal work long and hard to keep our academic and social program acceptable. Mr. Nathan Lawrence as Acting Assistant Director of the Vocational School has introduced several innovative changes in the curriculum.

I would also thank all of the faculty members for their effort and cooperation during the past year. Without

their support our school could not produce excellence in scholarship.

In the non-academic area we must recognize Mrs. Ella Jones and her staff as the group that operates the most outstanding cafeteria in Eastern Massachusetts.

We express our appreciation to Mr. Howell Carr and his custodians for their cooperation in working out many of our space problems.

Mrs. Albertine Dwyer has increased her hours at school to cover after school athletic contest. She also is a valuable part of our academic faculty especially in times like these when there are an increasing number of health problems.

I wish to thank the parents of all students for their support and cooperation and ask for their continued support in the changing and trying times that seem to be upon education today.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures 1970

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement		$110,000.00	
State Aid	$68,335.83		
Appropriation	41,664.17		
			$110,000.00
Interest on Bond Expenditures		44,485.00	

OPERATING COSTS

Item No.			
1000	Administration	17,652.61	
2000	Instruction	644,632.69	
3000	Other School Services	101,850.03	
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	82,198.93	
5000	Fixed Charges	40,426.78	
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets	11,504.02	
7400	Replacement of Equipment	1,556.95	
	Special Class Program	18,242.95	
	Vocational Day Program	51,349.09	
	Evening School Program	400.00	
			$969,814.05

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation	67,655.00	
Tuition	117,740.59	
Special Education—Ch. 58	5,128.00	
Vocational Education Reimbursement	43,695.00	
Bristol County Treasurer— Group Insurance Dividend	309.00	
Other	734.26	
		$235,261.85
Net Operating Cost		$734,552.20

FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education Act	
Title II	
Receipts	$ 530.66
Expenditures	477.01
Balance, December 31, 1970	$ 53.65
National Defense Education Act	
Title III	
Receipts	$ 816.00
National Defense Education Act	
Title V	
Balance, January 1, 1970	$ 381.00
Receipts	721.50
Balance, December 31, 1970	$1,102.50
National Defense Education Act	
Title VI-A (1970-1971)	
Receipts	$4,575.00
Expenditures	2,118.22
Balance, December 31, 1970	$2,456.78
U.S. Grant—George Barden Funds	
Balance, January 1, 1970	$ 500.34

REPORT OF THE BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Herewith is submitted to the citizens of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional School District, my third annual report. Only the most pertinent information is set forth here. Further details will be furnished by the school office to any who might be interested.

Though the District has encountered some changes, constant progress has been most gratifying. Dighton and Rehoboth were allowed out of the district by paying their share of the operating and capital costs until July 1, 1970. The total combined amount was $80,543.75.

The committee agreed not to change the size or the en rollment of the school. They also voted $7,375,000 for construction and equipment. Here it is worthy to note that the member communities of Berkley, Bridgewater, Middleborough, Raynham, and the City of Taunton, voted overwhelmingly to approve the recommendations of the committee.

The committee was kept active during the year with 23 regular meetings plus 2 special and 2 executive meetings. The Chairman, Donald K. Atkins of Middlborough, had many additional meetings in Boston with the Emergency Finance Board, Bond Counsel, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, School Building Assistance, and other agencies connected with the new school construction.

Again this year at our annual meeting the same officers were elected. They are Donald K. Atkins, Middleborough, Chairman; William R. Powers, Raynham, Vice Chairman; Joseph C. Whitcomb, Treasurer; and Caroline Tripp, Clerk.

We are greatly indebted to the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School for allowing us the use of their woodworking shop this past summer. We hired Mr. Donald Drew and four of his students and they made us 22

Art and Design tables, 20 Electronic benches, 6 Electrical benches, and 3 desks. The total commercial value of this material would amount to $20.000. Our cost was $7,772.70 which was a great saving to the district. A very fine tracing table was made for us by South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School.

On September 16, 1970 the committee awarded the contract to build the Regional School to J. L. Marshall and Sons of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and they also adopted a building budget of $7,248,755.

On October 3, 1970 a ground breaking ceremony was held on the school site. All school committee members were present. Speakers included Senator John F. Parker, Retired Associate Commissioner of Occupational Educaton, Walter J. Markham, and Chairman Atkins. The City of Taunton provided and set up a very fine grand stand for this memorable occasion.

Richard J. Bradley was hired for clerk of the works. He keeps a detailed report which he submits to the committee monthly.

The builder has made much progress, land has been cleared, footings have been poured, and a new road from Route 140 has been made. Steel work is planned for early in 1971.

Mr. Paul Couture, our Director of Guidance, has made a significant contribution by his planning of curriculum development. He has visited all regional schools in our area and has met with guidance personnel. He has been working very closely with our state guidance department and has compiled an excellent booklet for our feeder schools, entitled—Profile of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School.

We are most grateful to the area educators and industrial leaders for their enthusiastic interest in our school and to Radio Stations W.P.E.P., W.R.L.M., and the Taunton Daily Gazette, for their fine editorials.

Mr. David Olken of Taunton Dyecraftsmen Incorporated was very kind in giving us warehouse space without charge, to store donated and surplus equipment.

Our office at 91 Winthrop Street, Taunton, is open daily and we welcome suggestions from our interested citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAY,

Superintendent-Director

REGIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Donald K. Atkins, Chairman	Middleborough
William R. Powers, Vice Chairman	Raynham
Herbert L. McClentic	Berkley
Robert S. Stone	Bridgewater
Ronald E. Marsden	Taunton
Marcus A. Rhodes	Taunton

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